

# Relating Strain Accumulation to Microstructure in BCC Tantalum

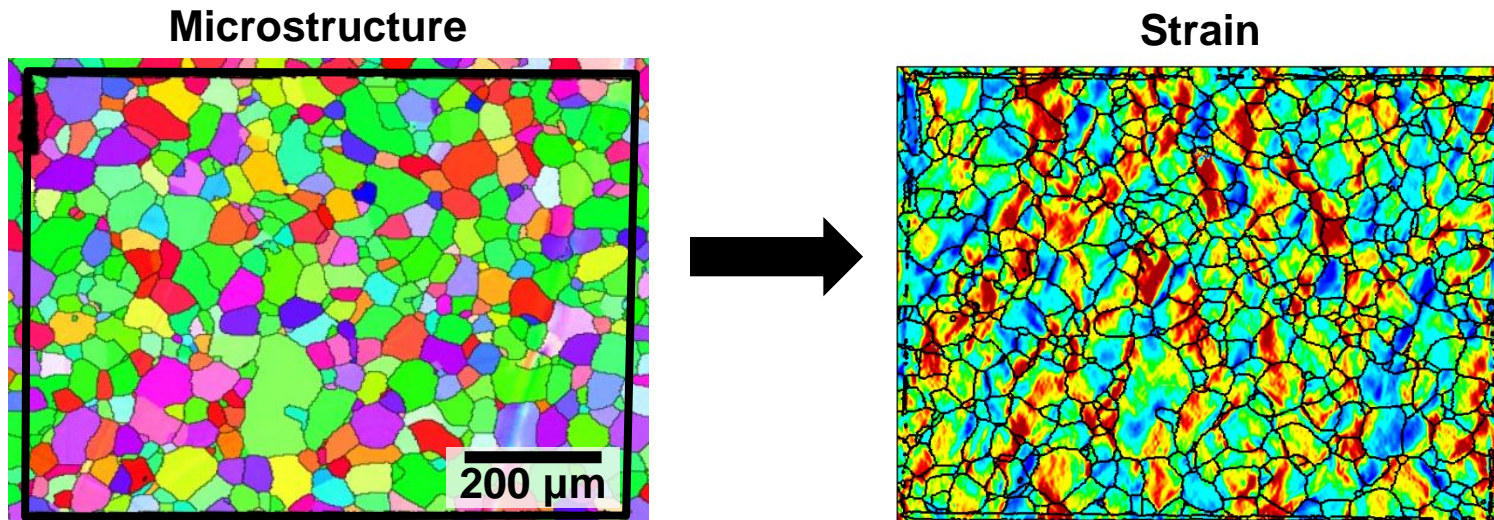
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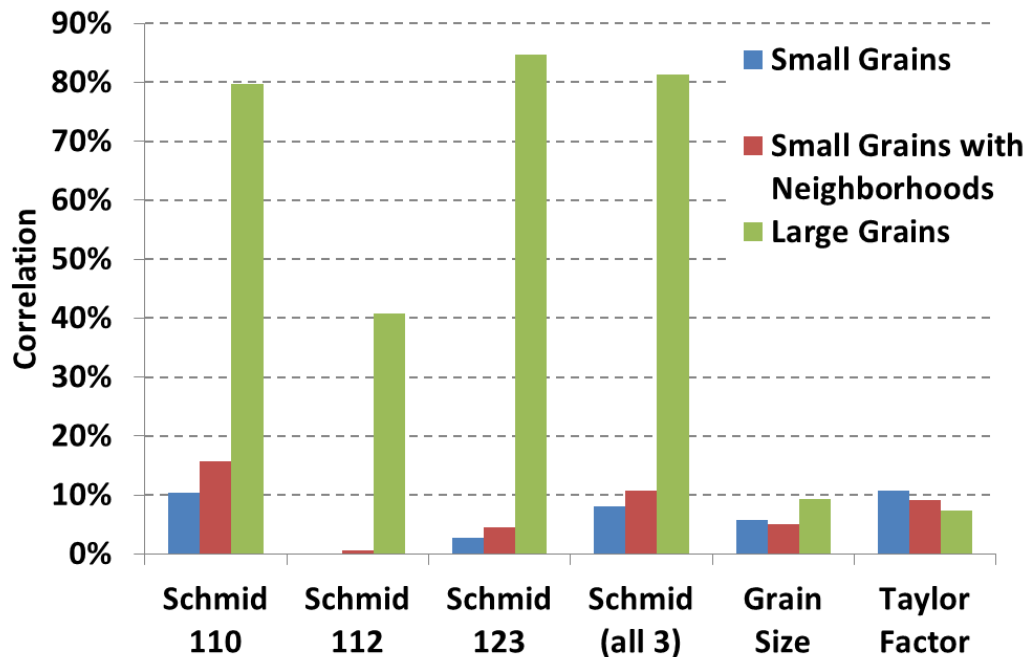
# Motivation: Predict grain scale deformation behavior.

- Better predictions of material response.
- Better predictions of variability in deformation behavior.
- Better understanding of failure process.
- How well do current (and improved) crystal plasticity models predict behavior?
  - What parts of the models need work?



# Special challenge with BCC models: Identifying active slip systems.

- $\{110\}$  or  $\{112\}$  planes?
- No scientific consensus yet.
- Previous studies indicate  $\{110\}$  is the most common, but slip likely occurs on other planes as well.



Material	Slip plane	...	References
Tungsten	{110}		118
Tungsten	{112}		118
$\alpha$ -iron	{110}		118
$\alpha$ -iron	{112}		118
Chromium	{112}		118
Vanadium	{112}		118
Tantalum	{112}		133
Tantalum	{112}		134
Tungsten	{110}		130
Molybdenum	{110}		130
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Niobium	{110}		130
Niobium	{112}		130
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$\alpha$ -iron	{110}		130
$\alpha$ -iron	{112}		130
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Vanadium	{110}/{112}		130
Vanadium	{110}/{112}		130
Vanadium	{112}		130

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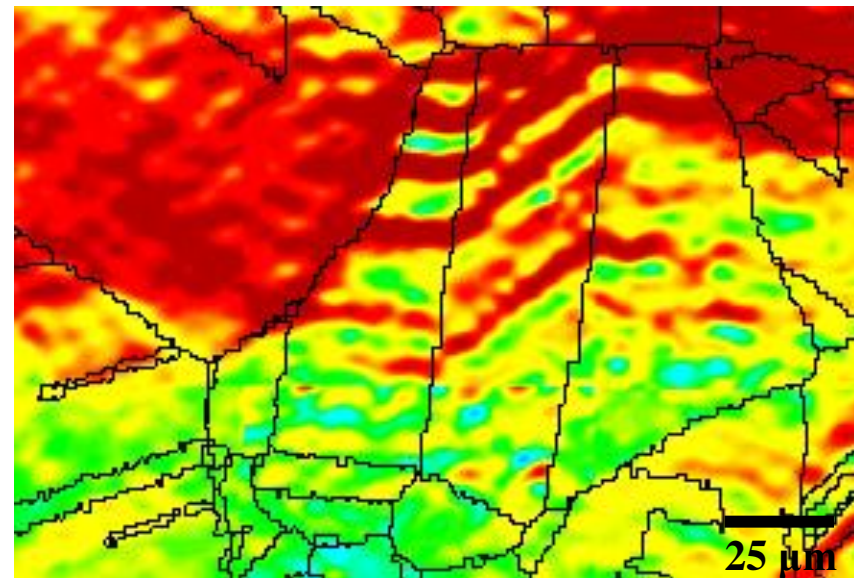
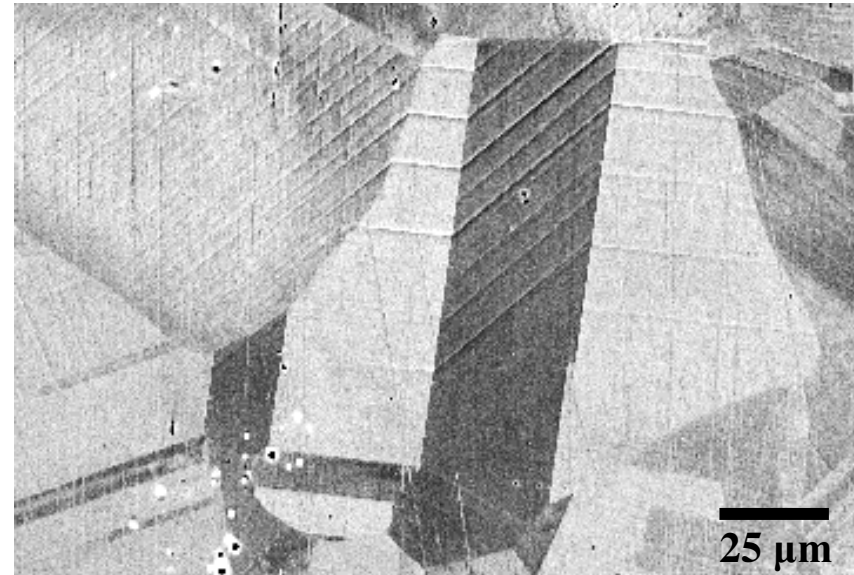
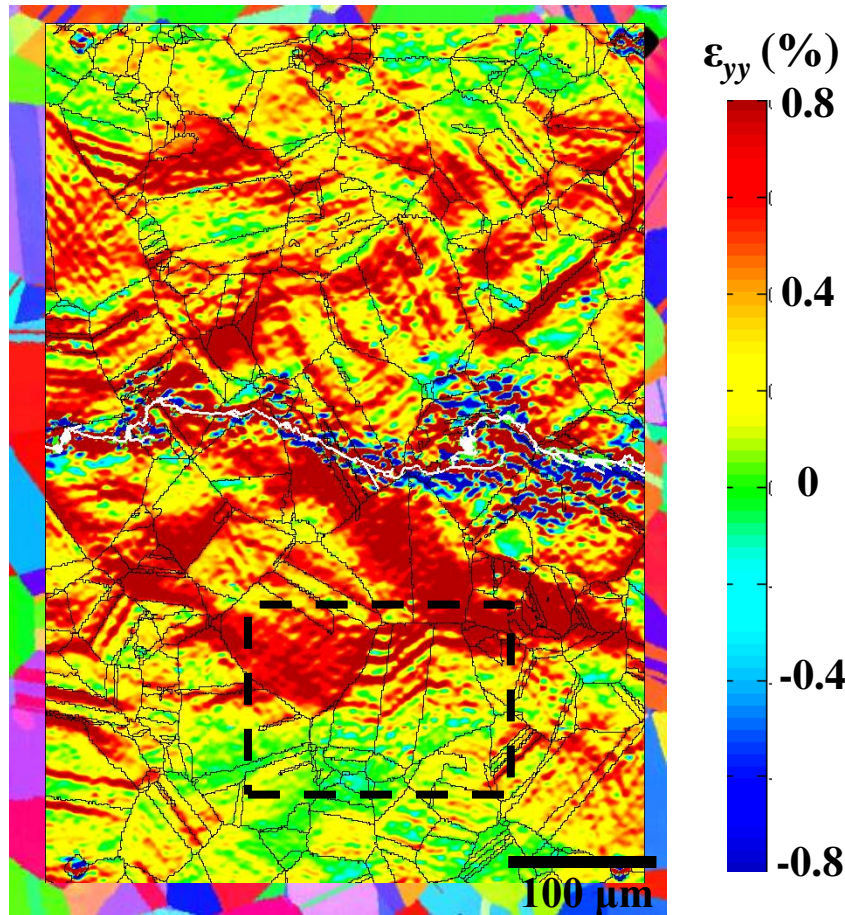
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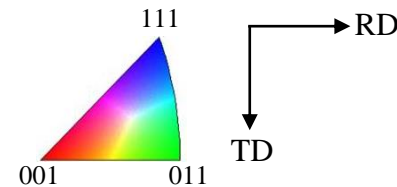
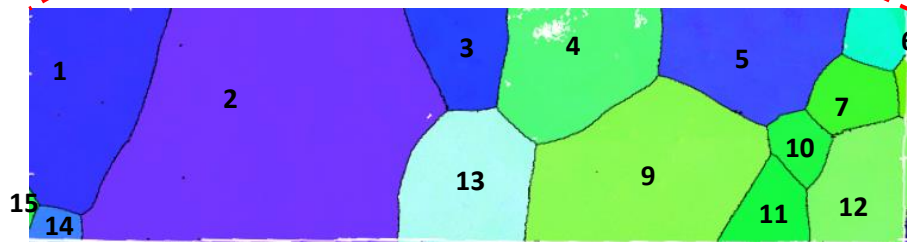


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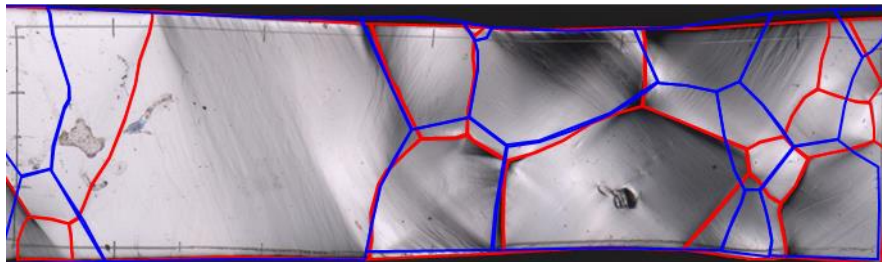
# Oligocrystal specimens with pseudo-2D grains allow a comparison between models and experiments.



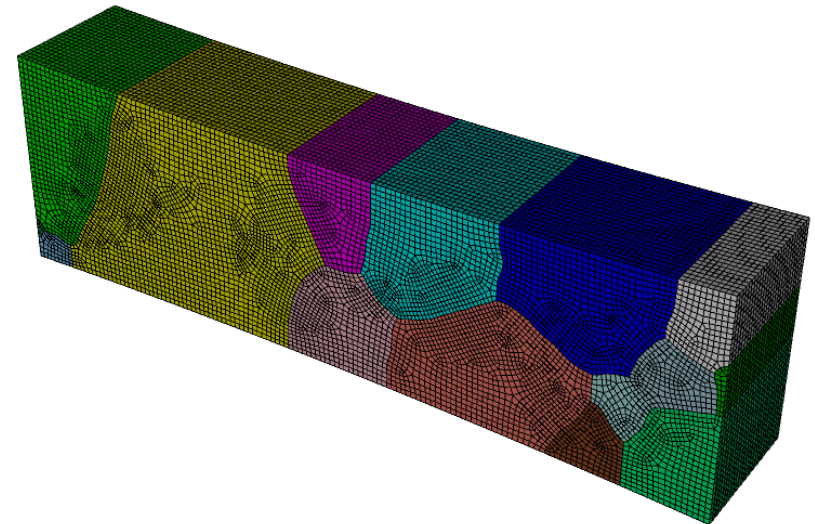
Specimen 1



1 mm



— Grain boundary (Front) — Grain boundary (Back)



# BCC CP-FEM Formulation

Slip rate:  $\dot{\gamma}^\alpha = \dot{\gamma}_0^\alpha \left( \frac{\tau^\alpha}{g^\alpha} \right)^{1/m}$  (Hutchinson, 1976)      24  $\langle 111 \rangle \{110\}$  slip systems

Slip resistance:  $g^\alpha = \max(\tau_{\text{cr}}^\alpha - \tau_{\text{ns}}^\alpha, 0) + \tau_{\text{obs}}^\alpha$  (Weinberger, 2012)

$\xrightarrow{\hspace{1.5cm}}$  Lattice friction       $\xrightarrow{\hspace{1.5cm}}$  Obstacle stress

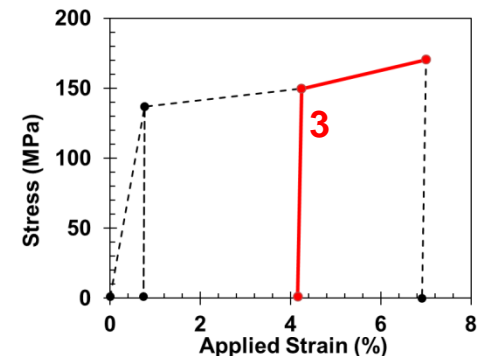
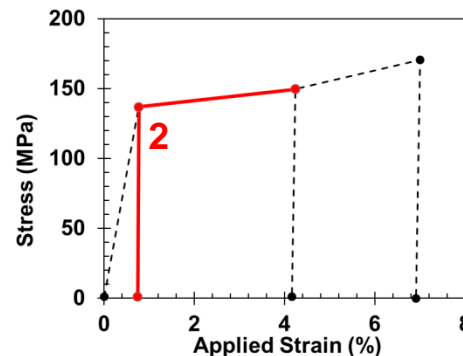
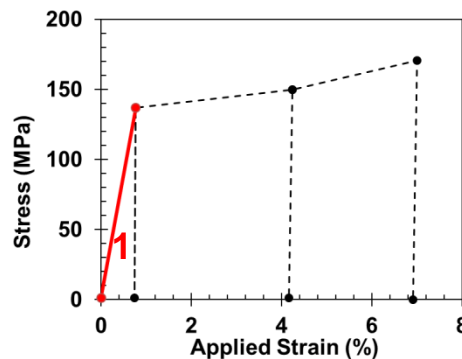
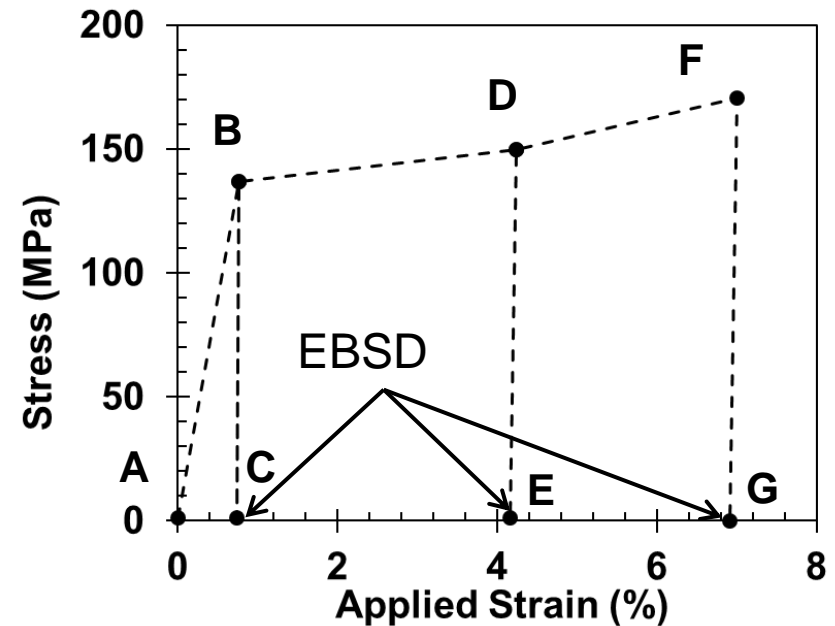
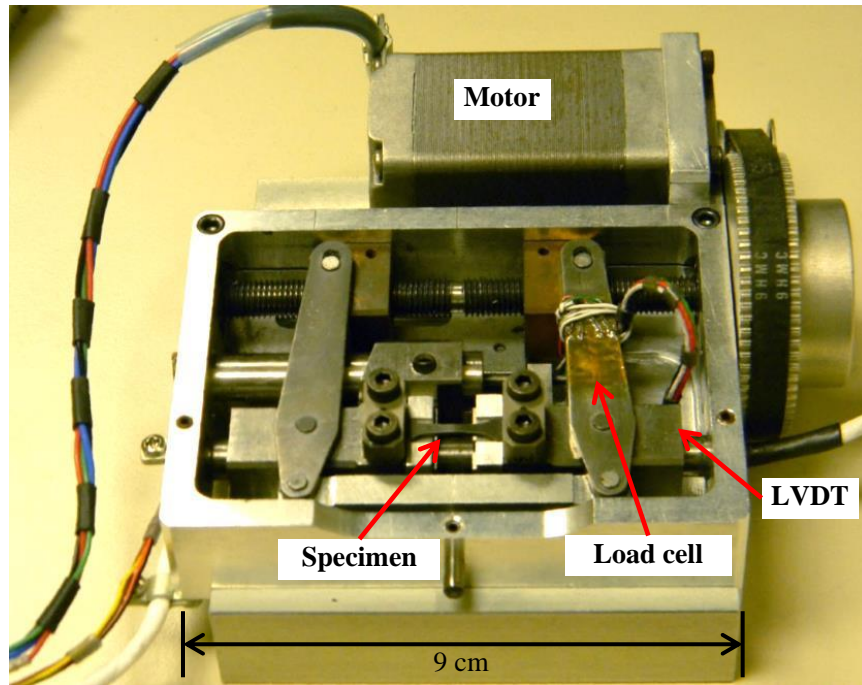
Obstacle stress:  $\tau_{\text{obs}}^\alpha = \alpha \mu b \sqrt{\sum_{\beta=1}^{NS} \rho^\beta}$  (Taylor, 1934)

$$\rho^\alpha = \left( \kappa_1 \sqrt{\sum_{\beta=1}^{NS} \rho^\beta} - \kappa_2 \rho^\alpha \right) \cdot |\dot{\gamma}^\alpha| \quad (\text{Kocks, 1976})$$

- Incorporates temp and strain rate effects
- FEM code (JAS-3D) developed at Sandia
- 50 elements through thickness, total of 1,426,650 and 1,664,150 elements for oligo 1 and 2.
- 8 element hexahedral elements.
- One orientation per element, pixelated grain boundaries.

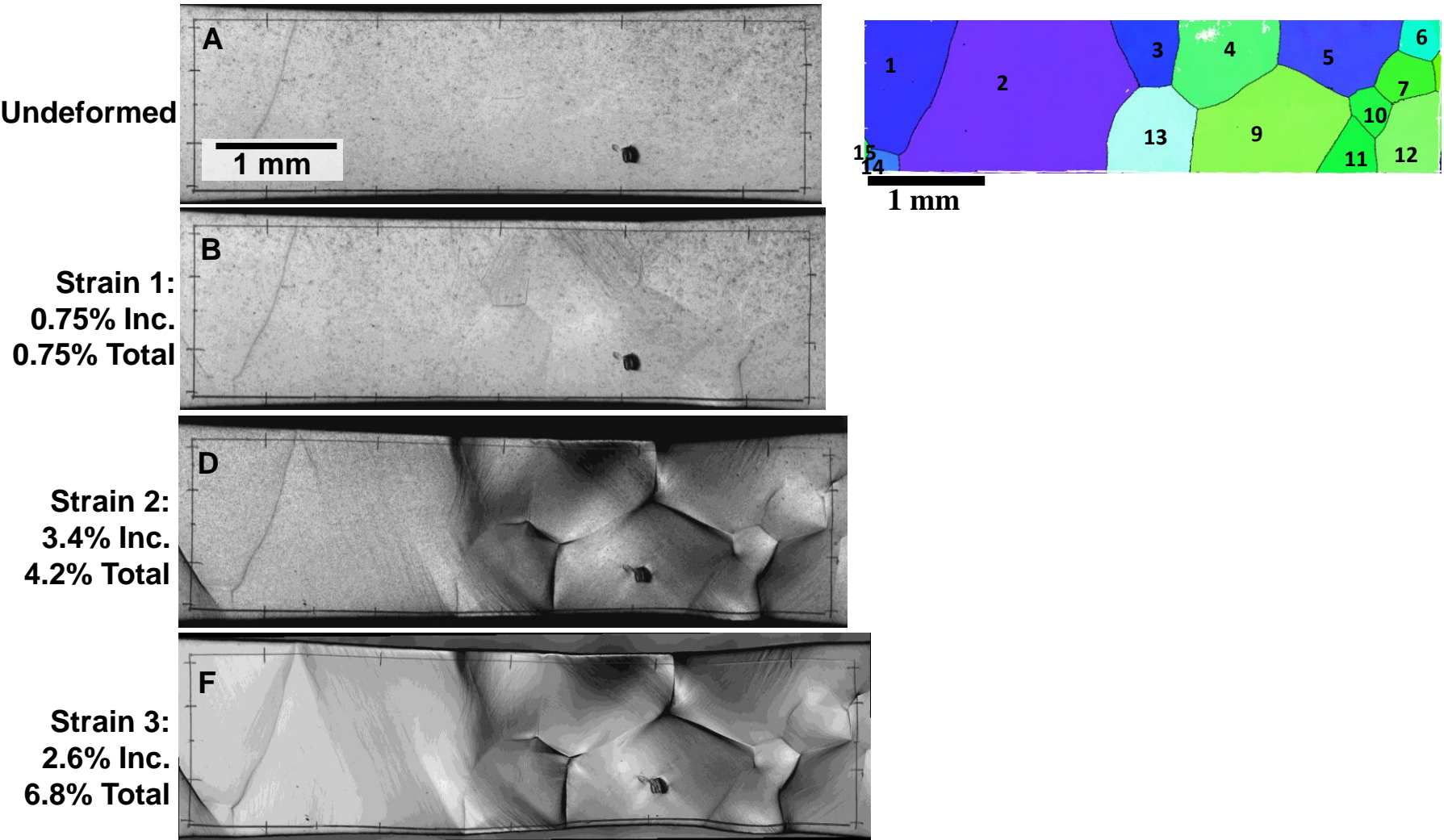


# Specimen 1 was loaded incrementally with EBSD measurements between increments.

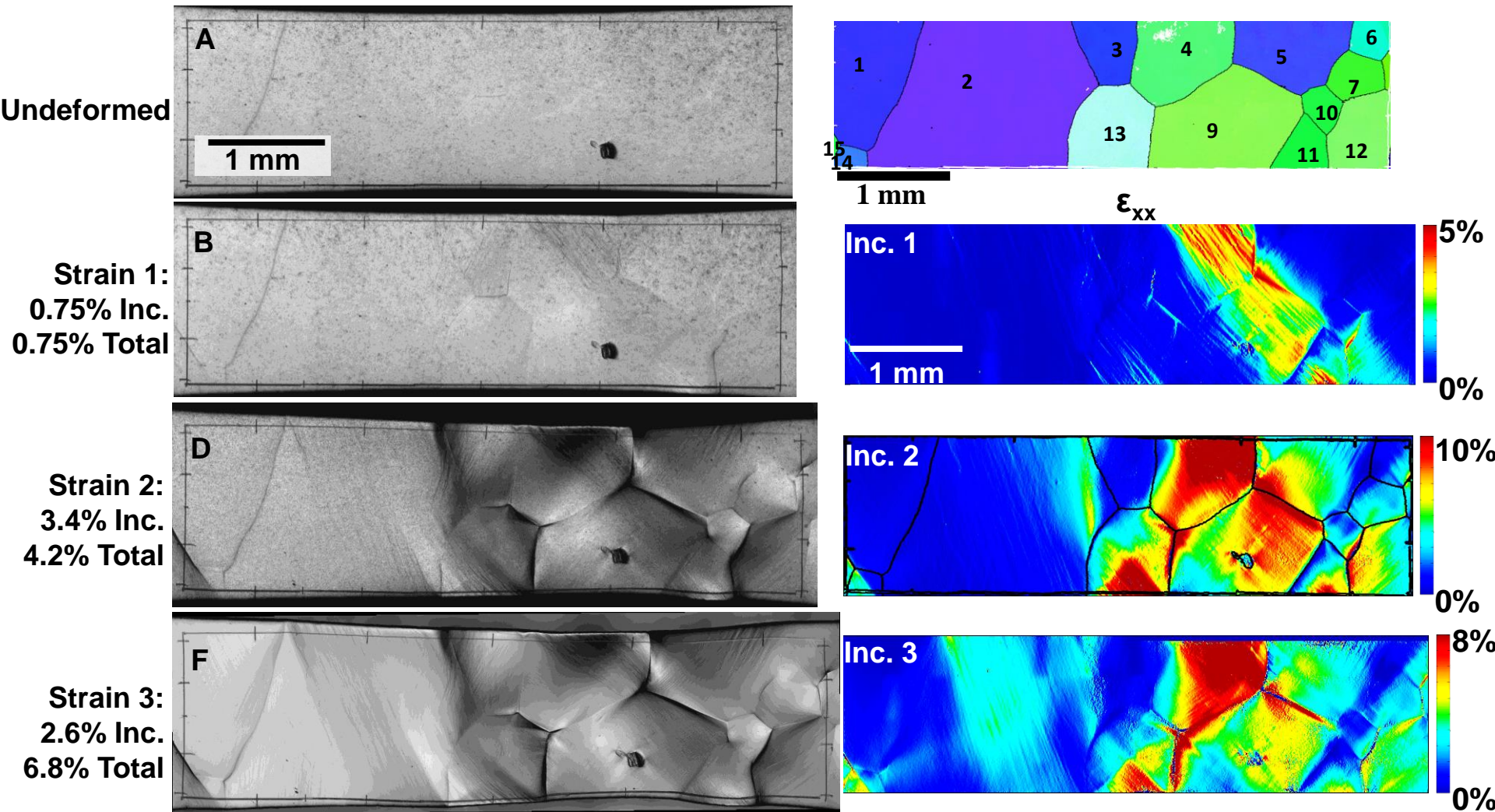




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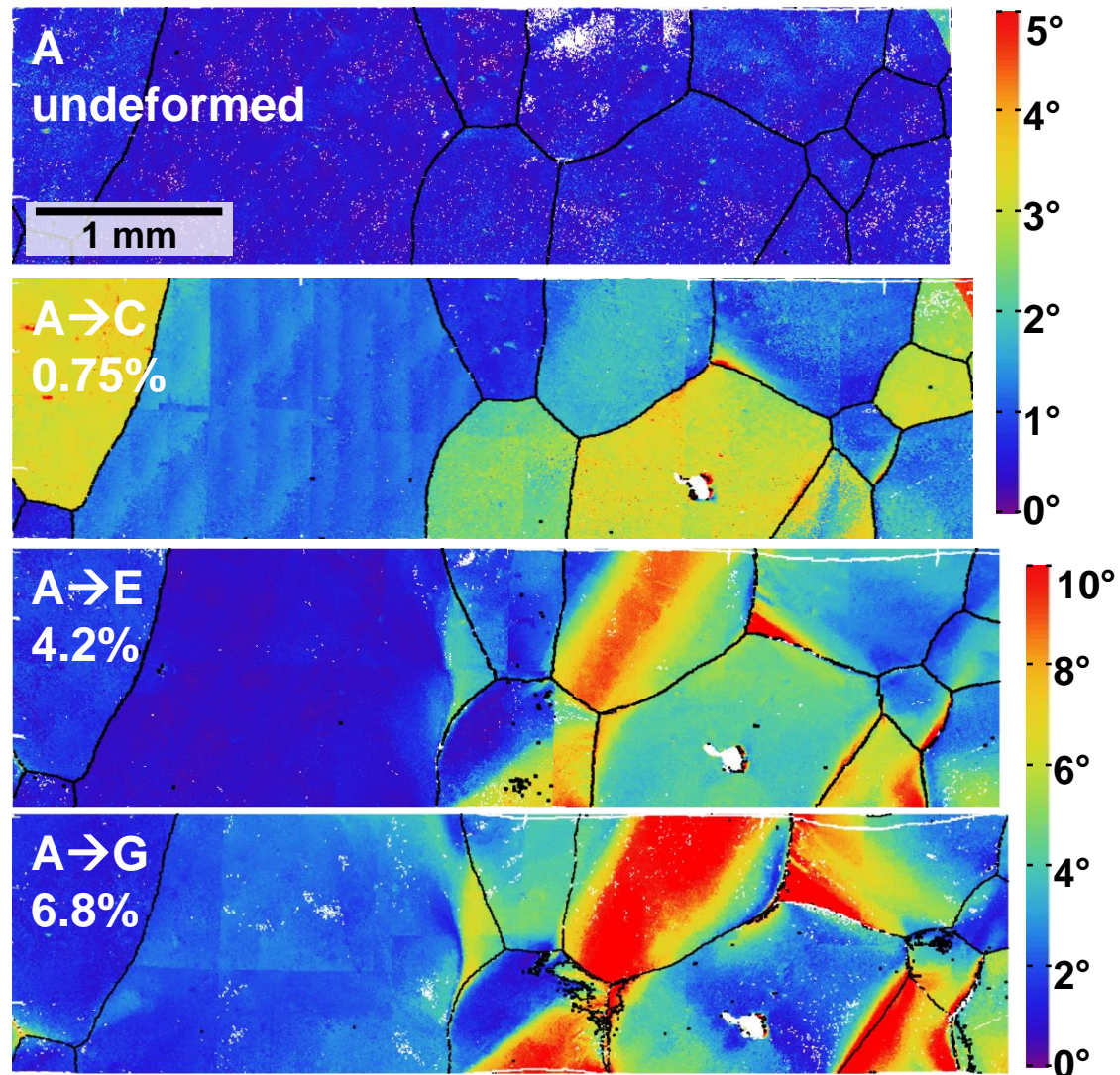
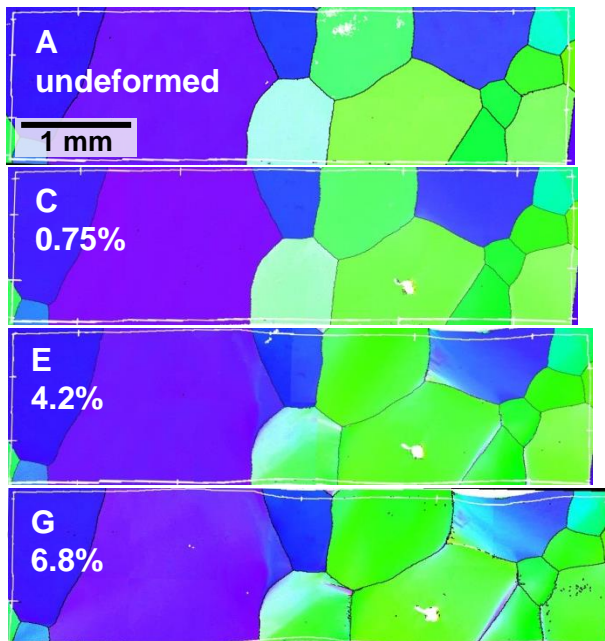
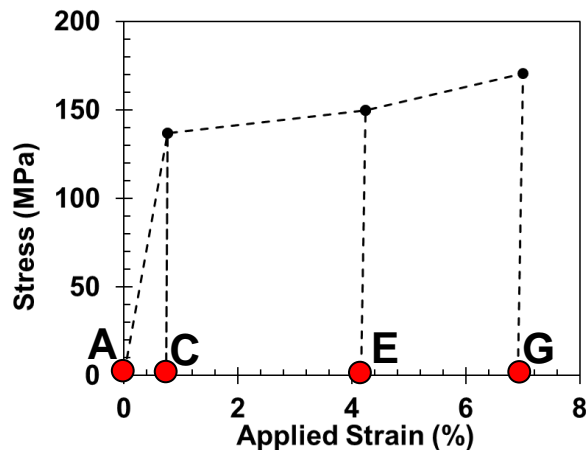
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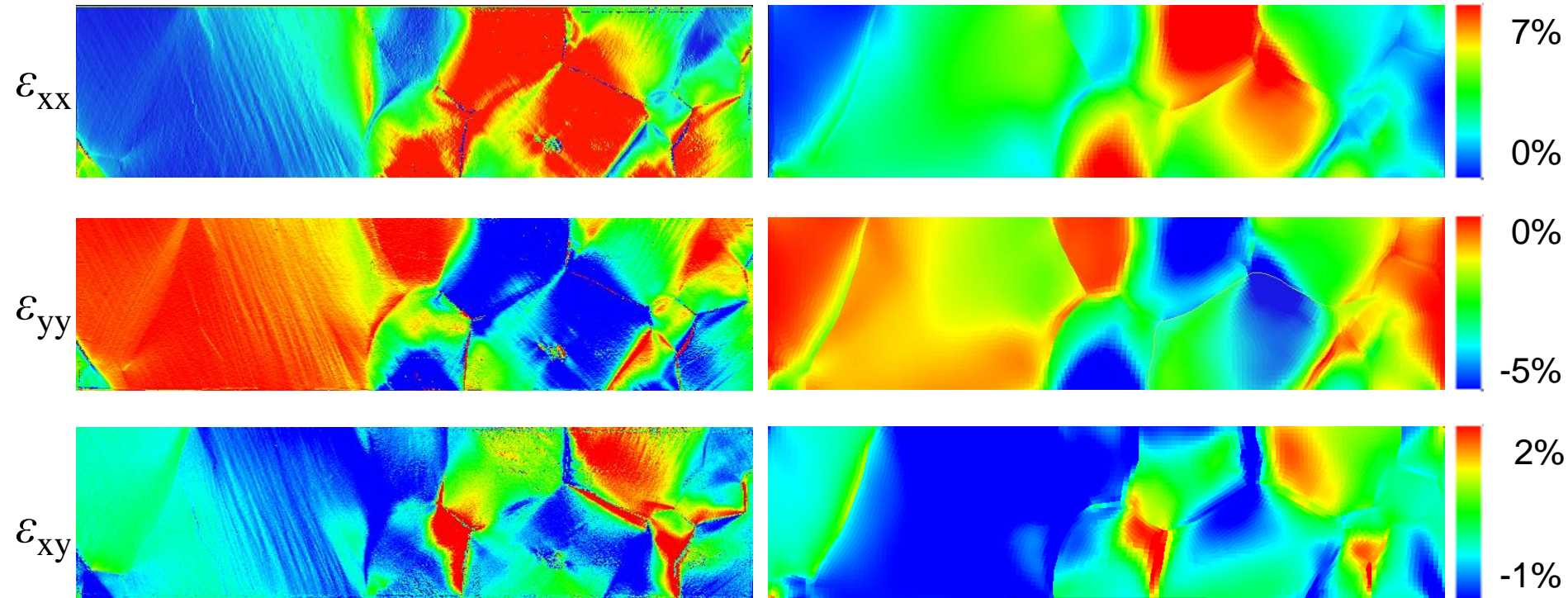
# Intragrain misorientation at each strain level was calculated from repeated EBSD measurements.



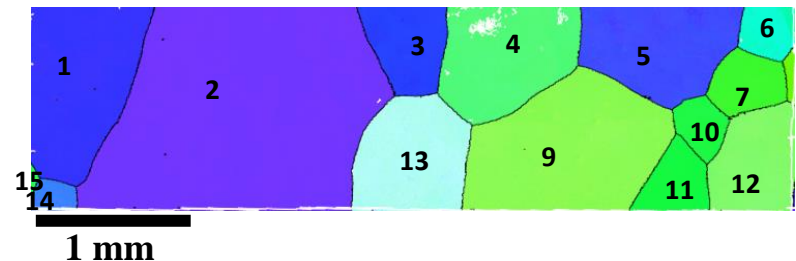
# Model predictions of strain agree well with experimental measurements.

Experimental Strains (DIC)

Model Strains (CP-FEM)



Model only considers slip on {110} planes.

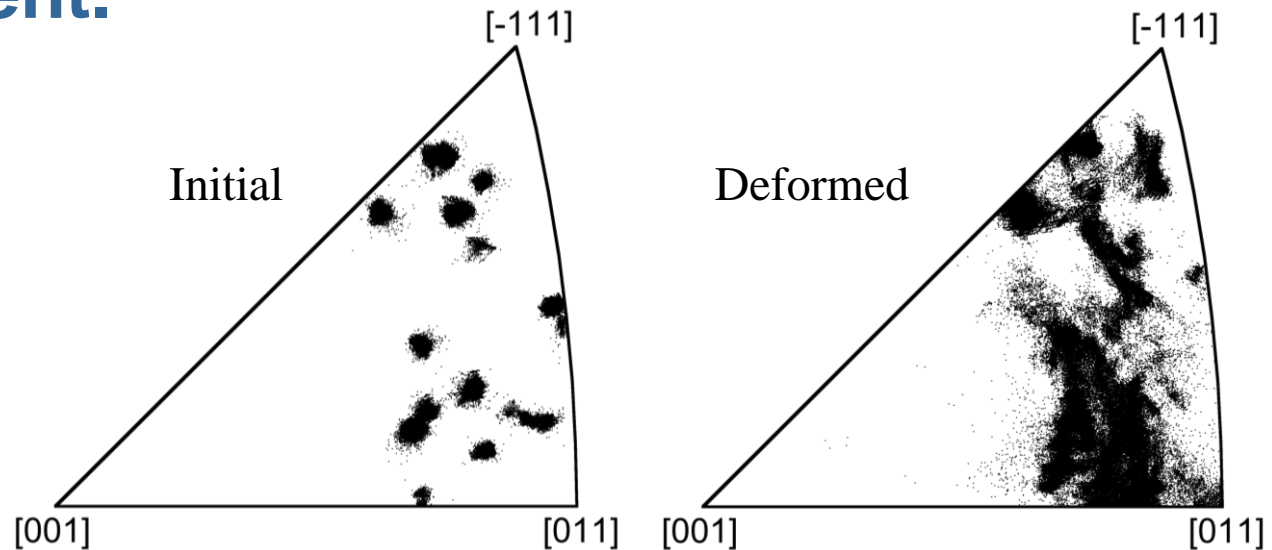




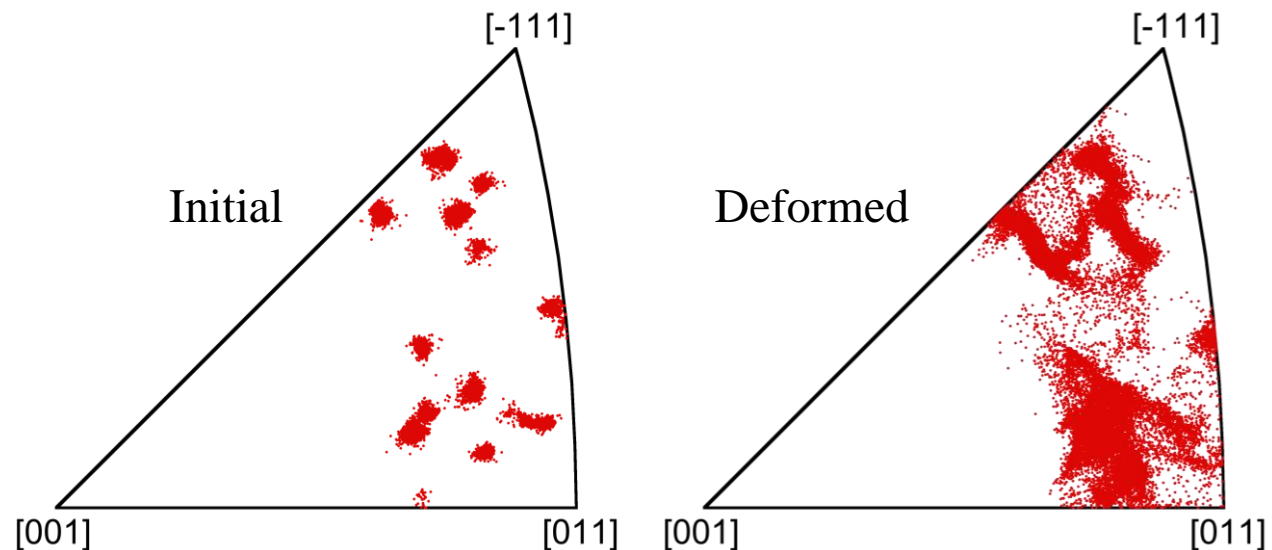
# Compare grain orientations of model and experiment.

Specimen 1

EBSD



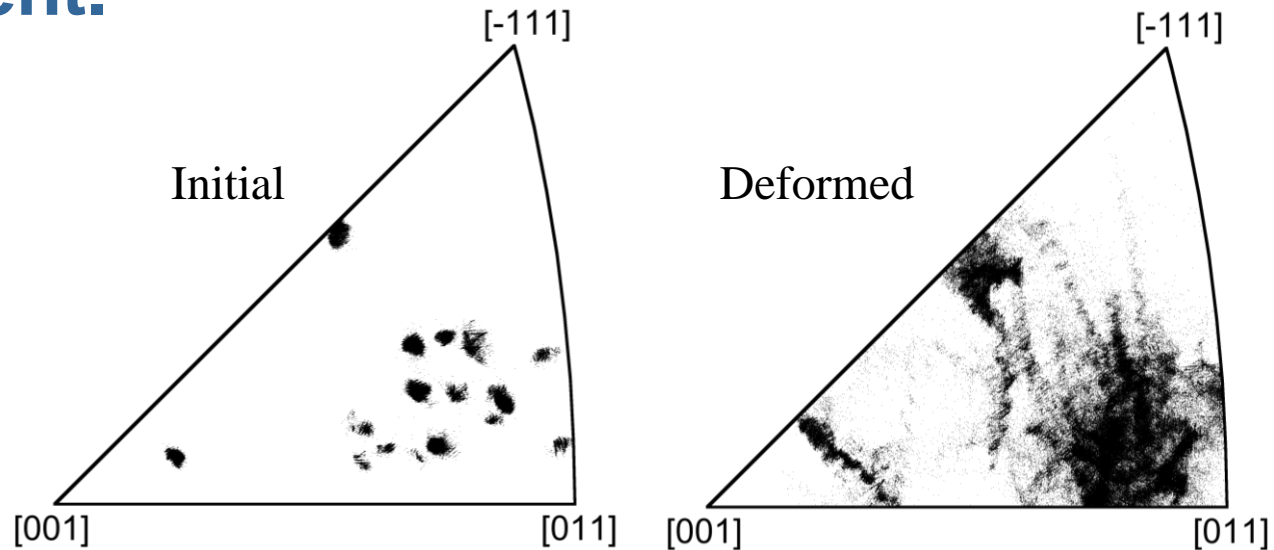
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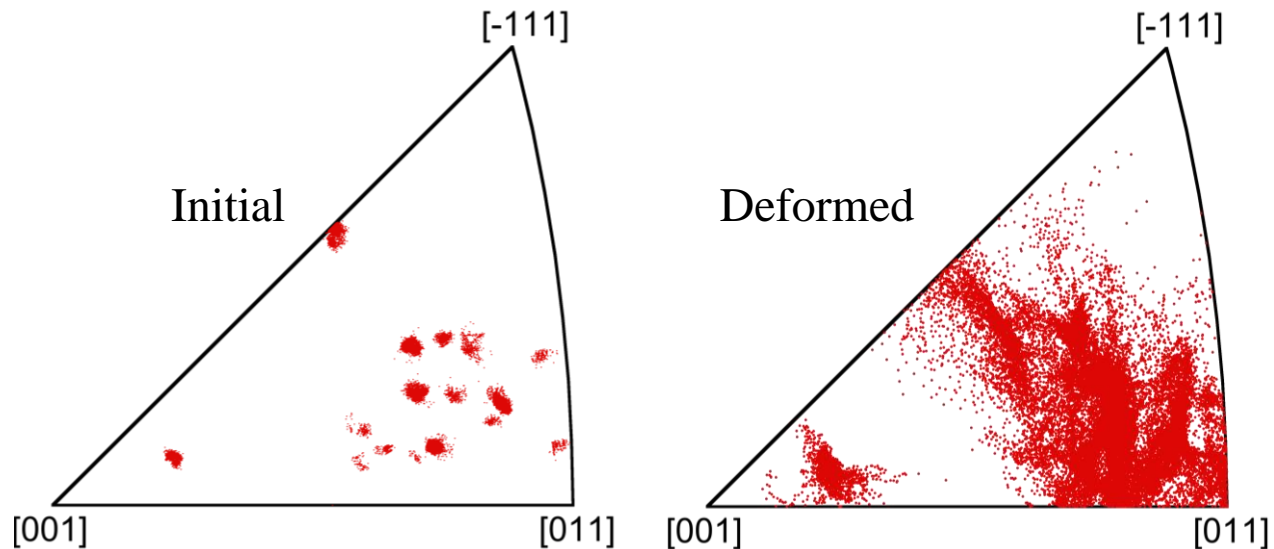
# Compare grain orientations of model and experiment.

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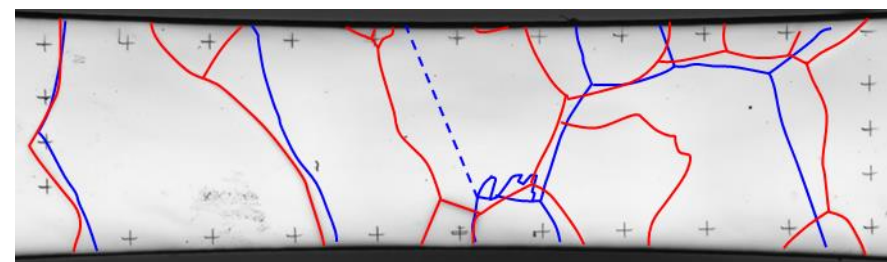
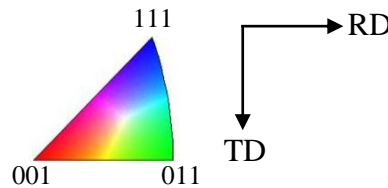
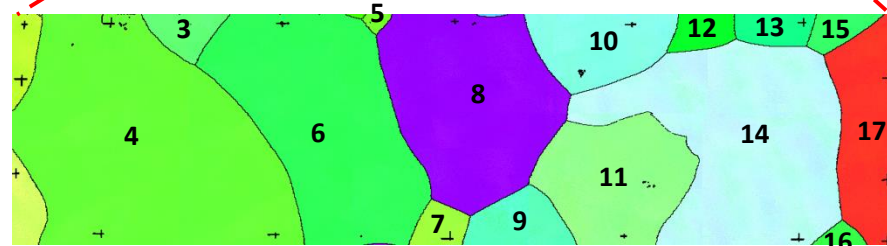
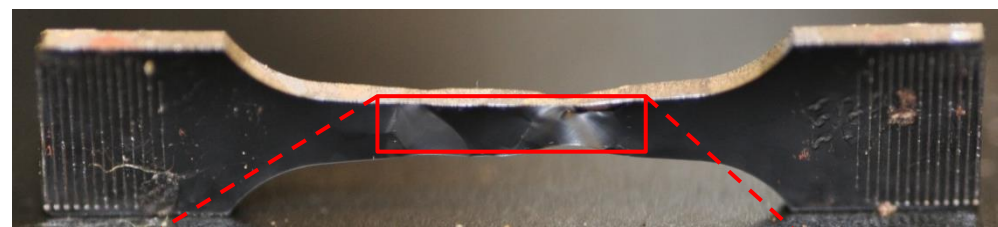
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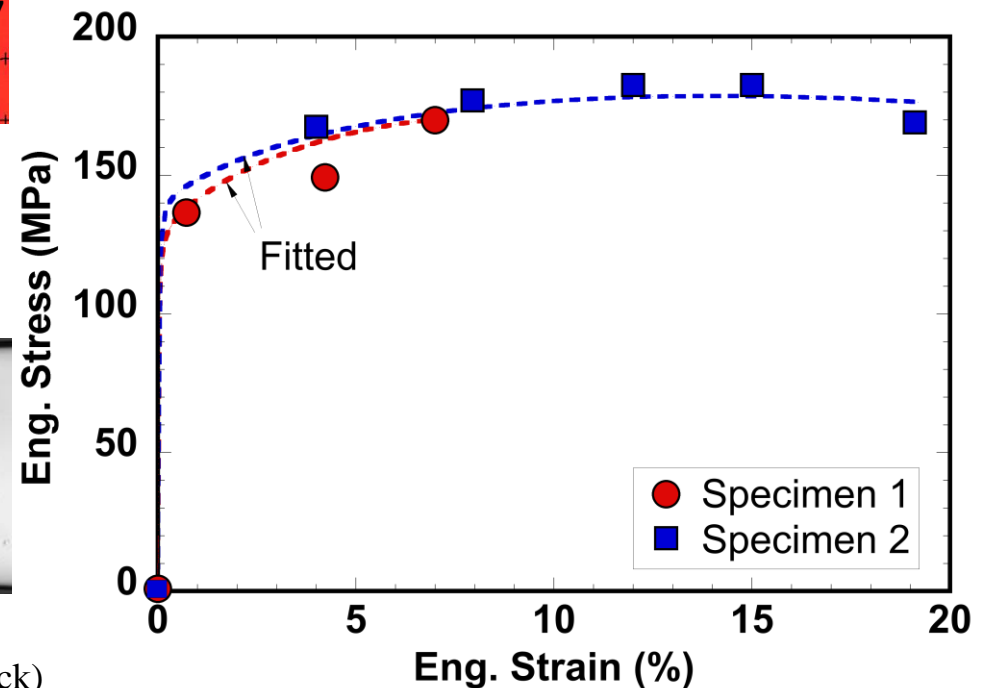
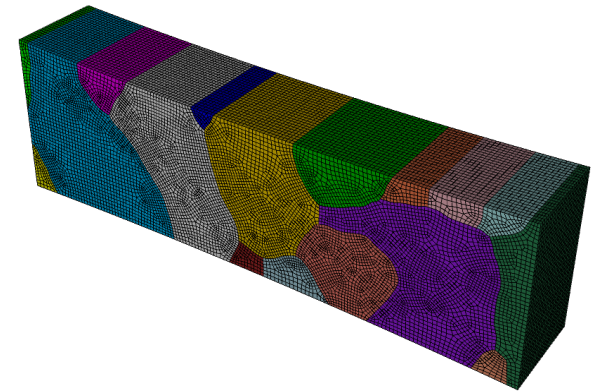
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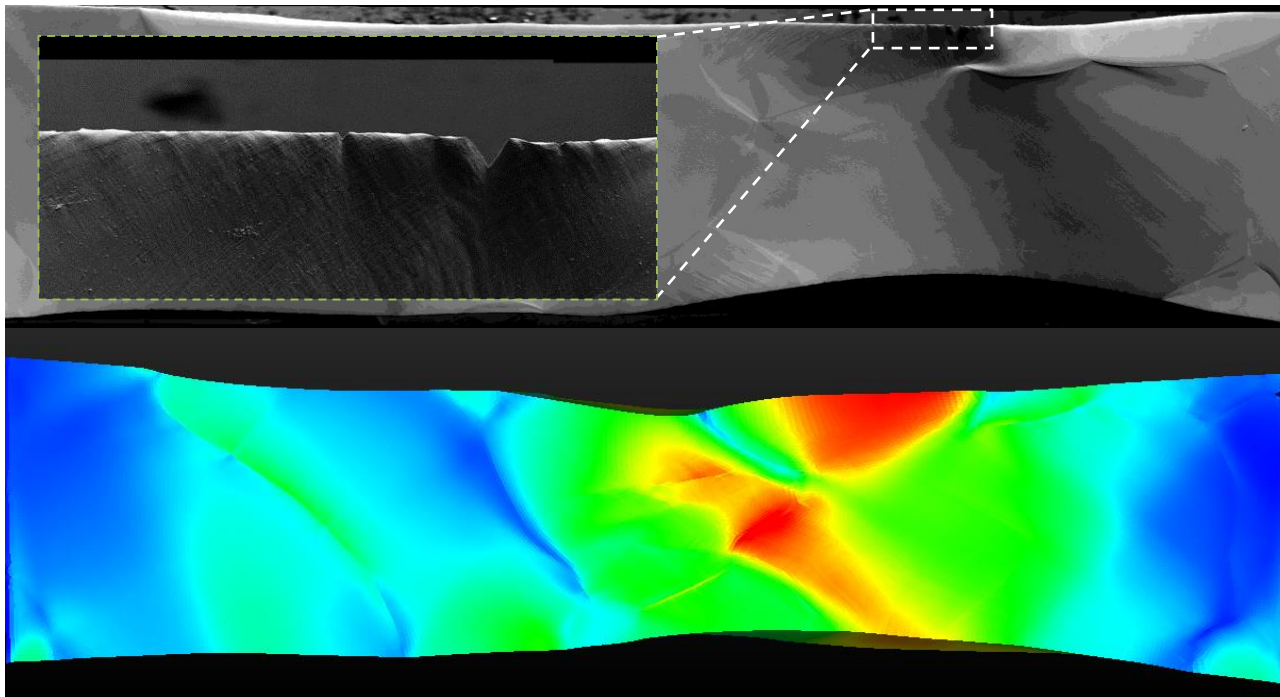
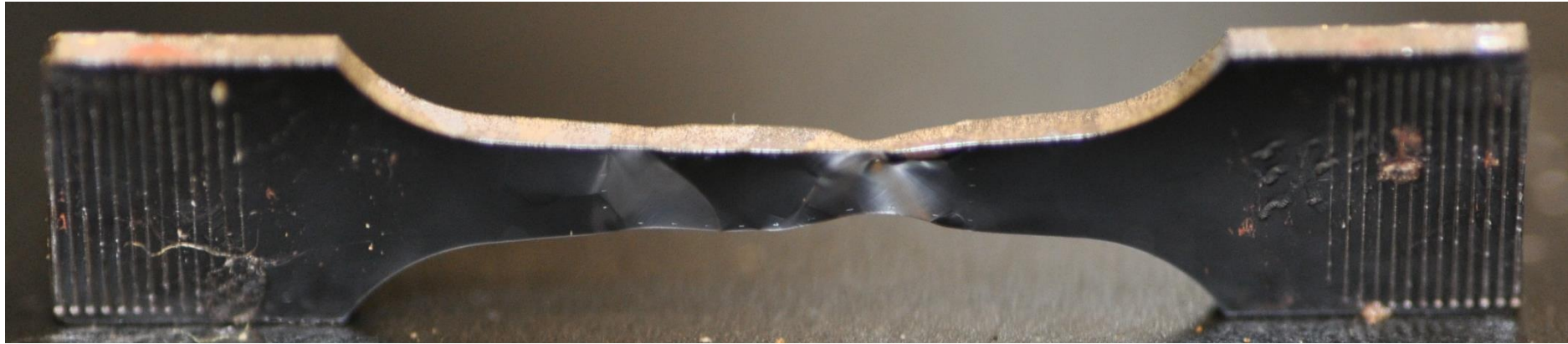
# Compare model and experiment for a second oligocrystal specimen.



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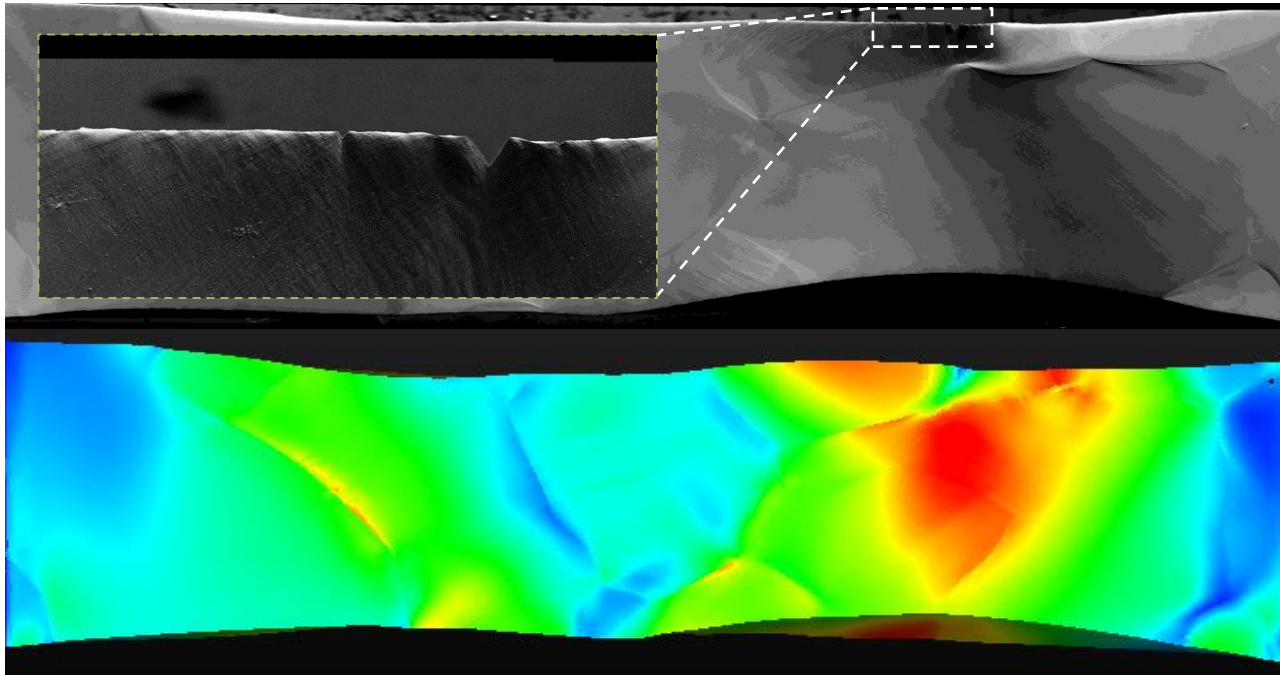
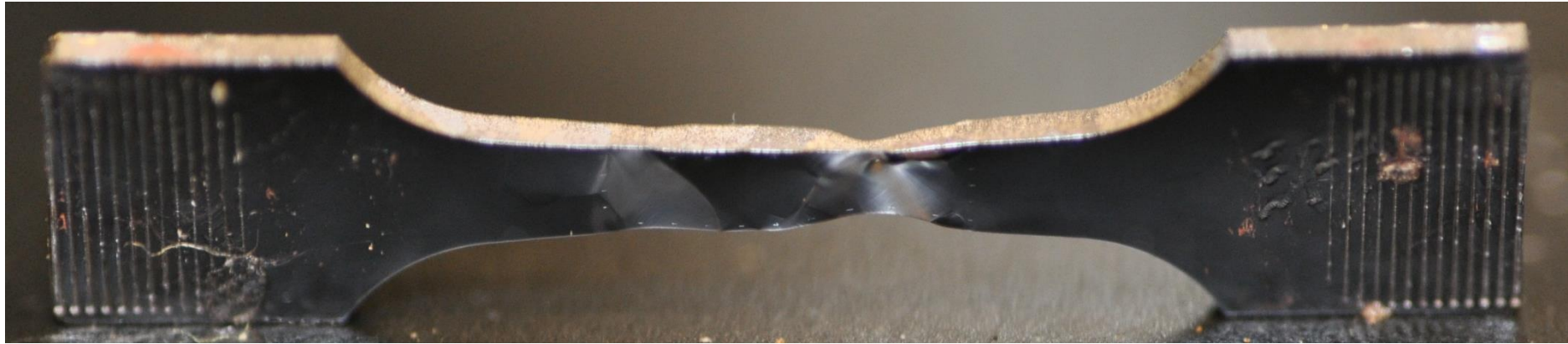


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$e_{xx}$   
0.4  
0

# Conclusions

- Promising BCC CP-FEM model was developed.
- Improvements needed in model validation.
  - As always, general qualitative agreement was found.
  - In future work, a pointwise comparison will be used for error quantification.
- $\langle 111 \rangle$  grains rotate the most, but  $\langle 110 \rangle$  grains experience the highest strains.
- Many different modeling approaches attempted
  - Accuracy of results was related to effort expended.

# Extra Slides

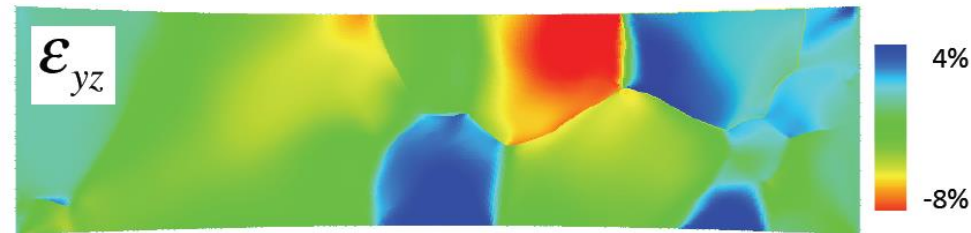
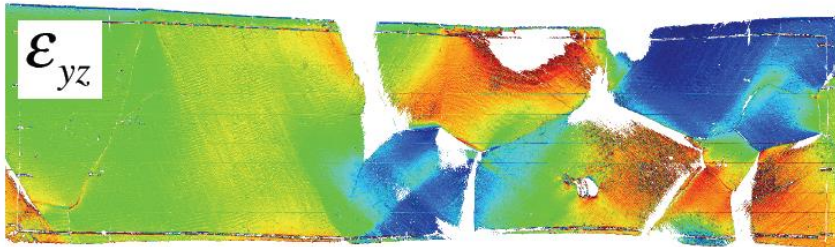
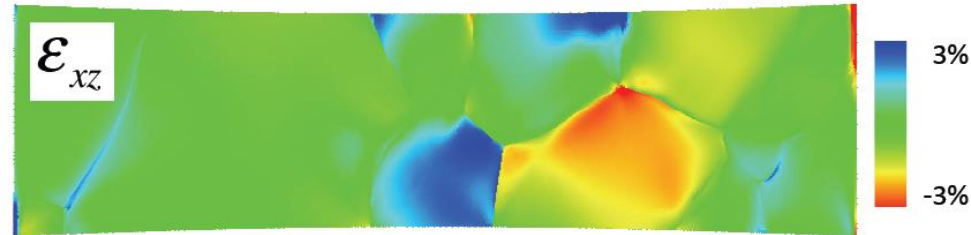
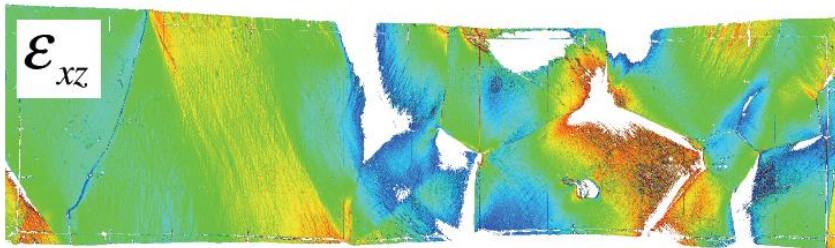
# Profilometry comparisons

## Out-of-plane Strain Maps

**Ta oligocrystal specimen 1 (7% deformation)**

Profilometry Measurements

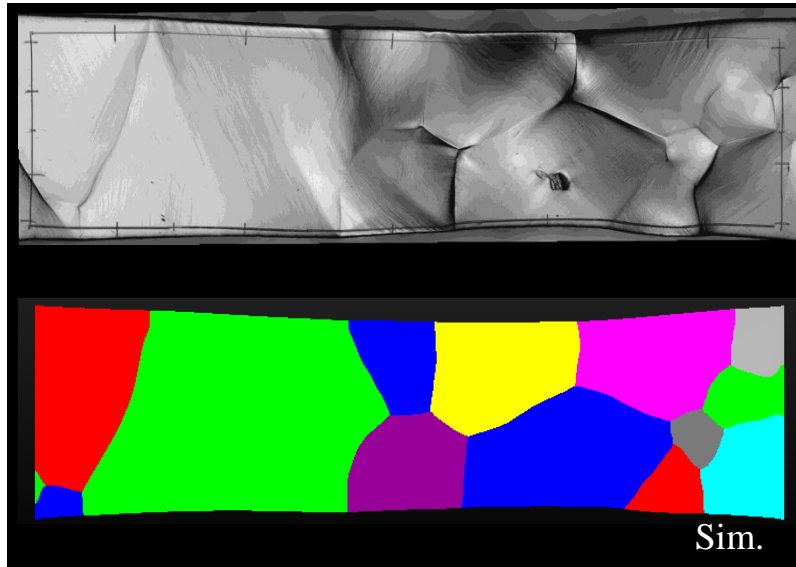
CP-FEM Predictions



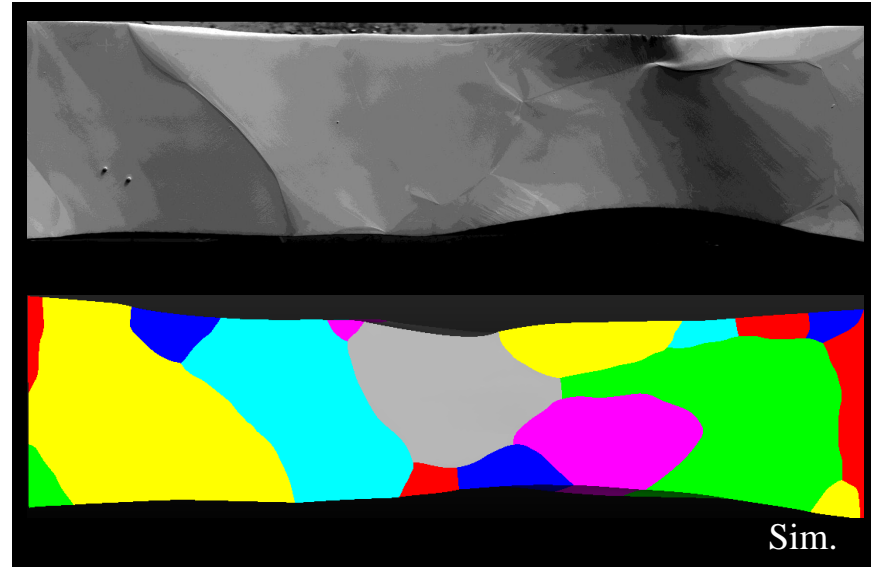
They agree well qualitatively but note that they have different contour levels (Measured  $\epsilon_{xz}$  and  $\epsilon_{yz}$  are plotted with -10 to 10. )



# Deformed shape

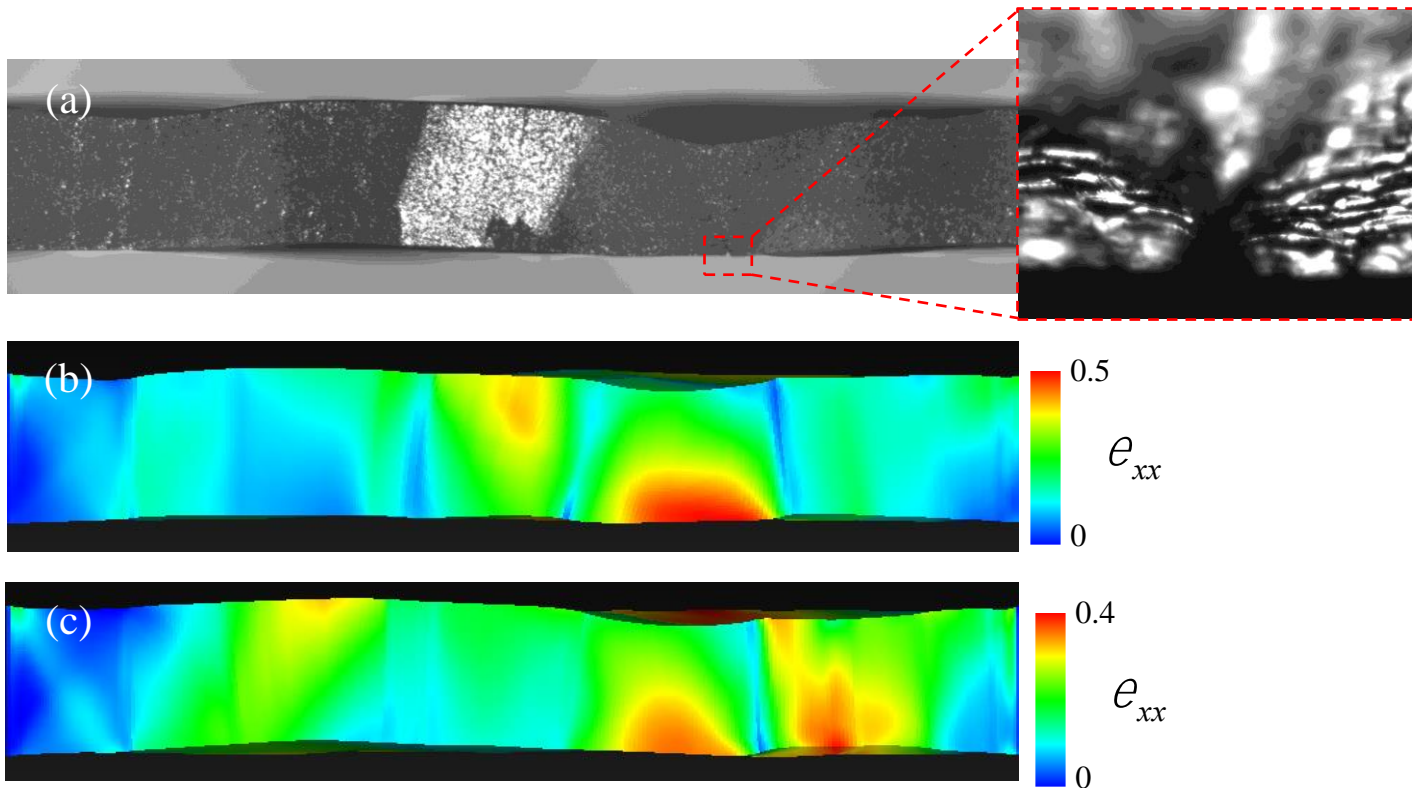


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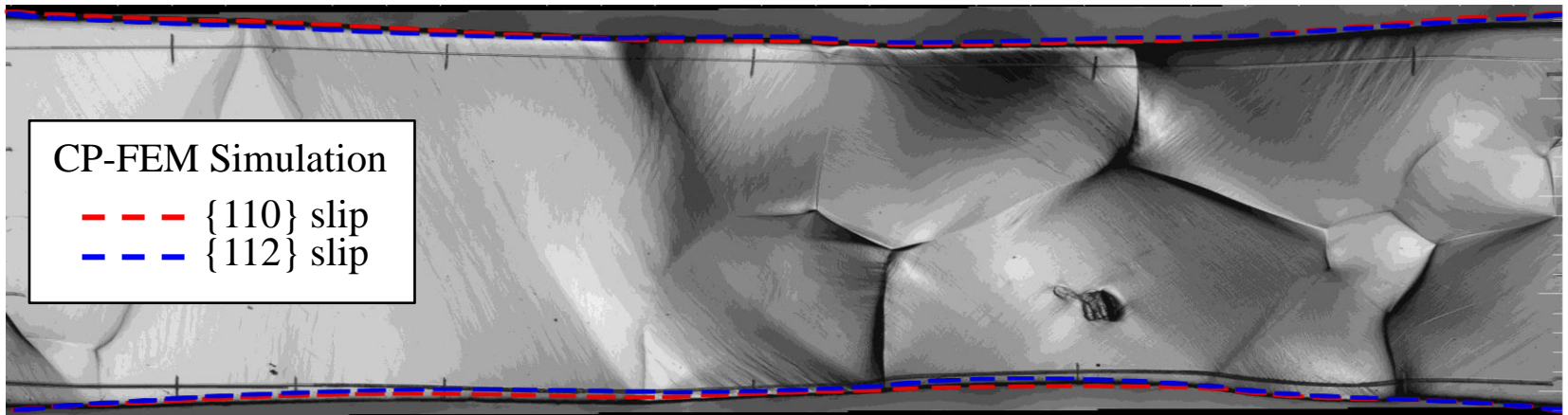


(b) Specimen 2 ( $\epsilon=19.2\%$ )

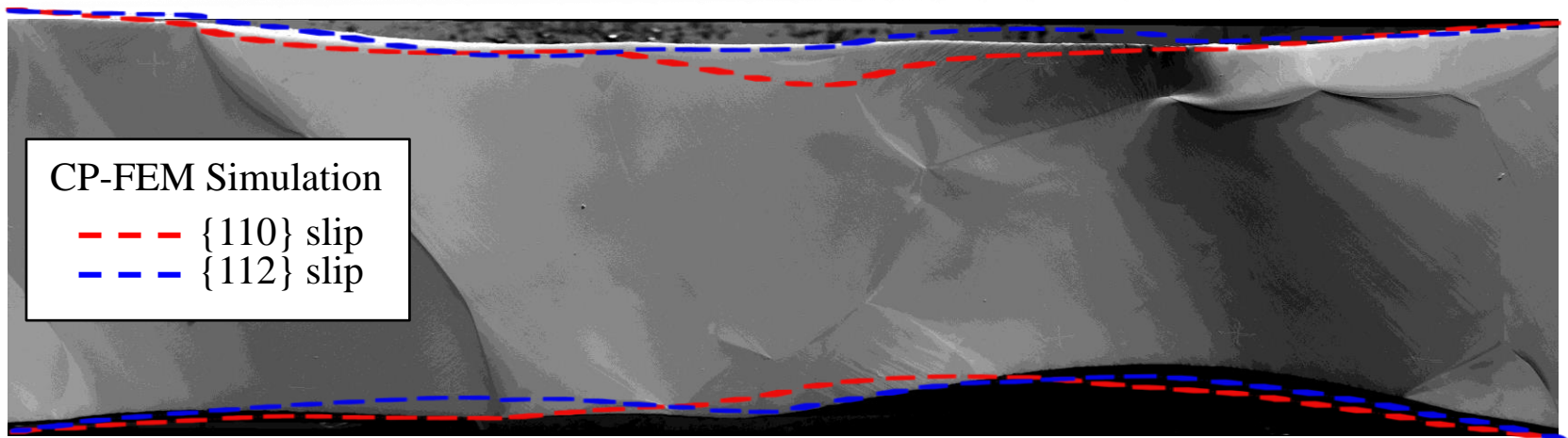
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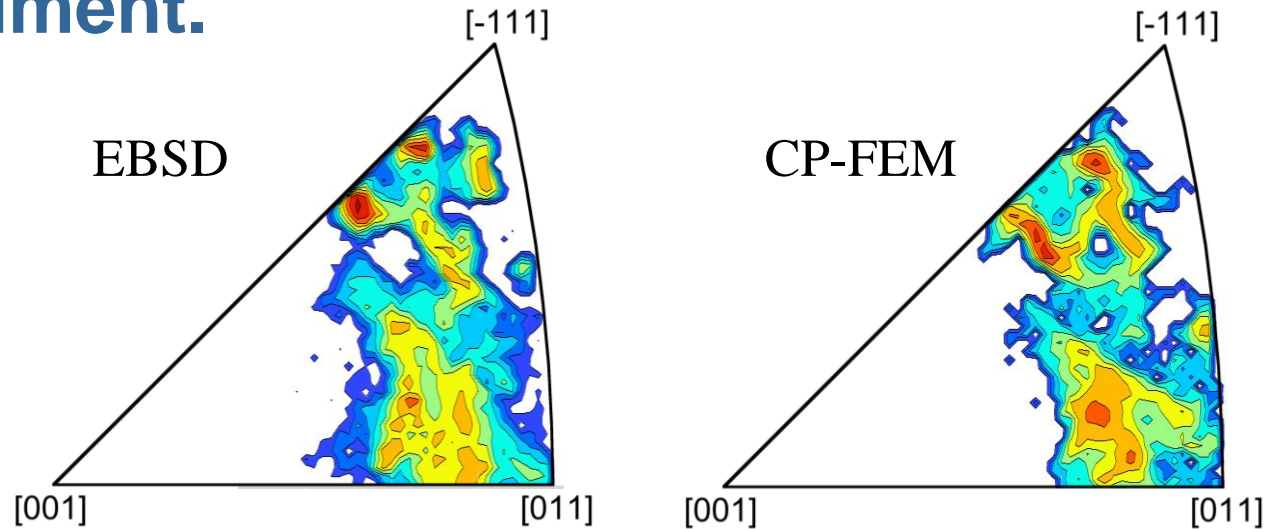
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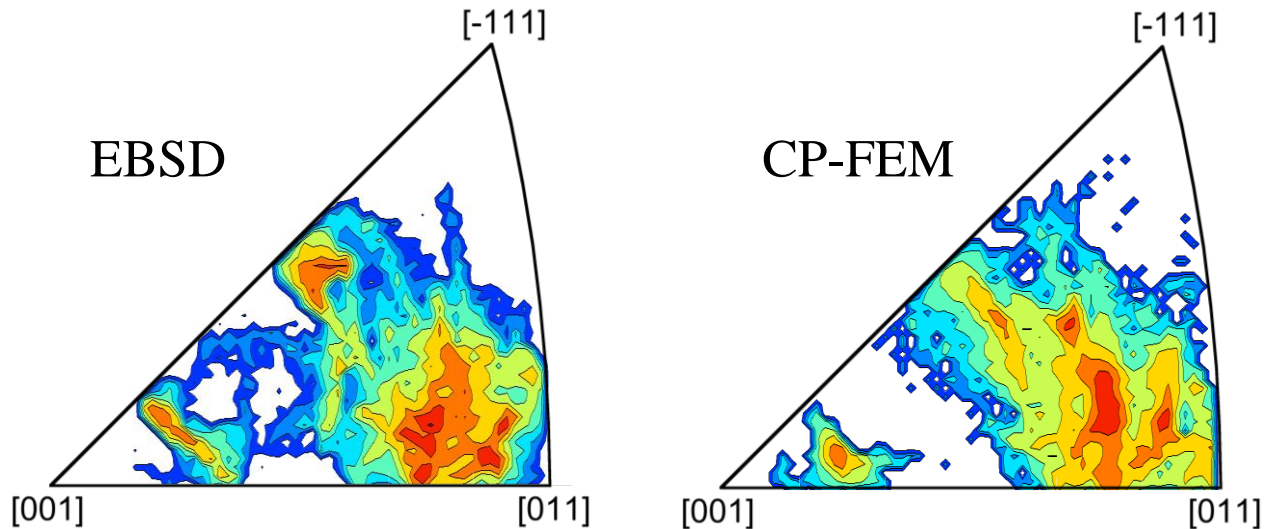
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