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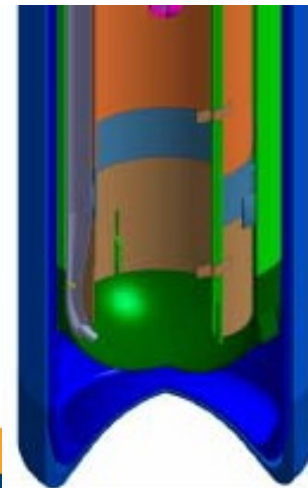
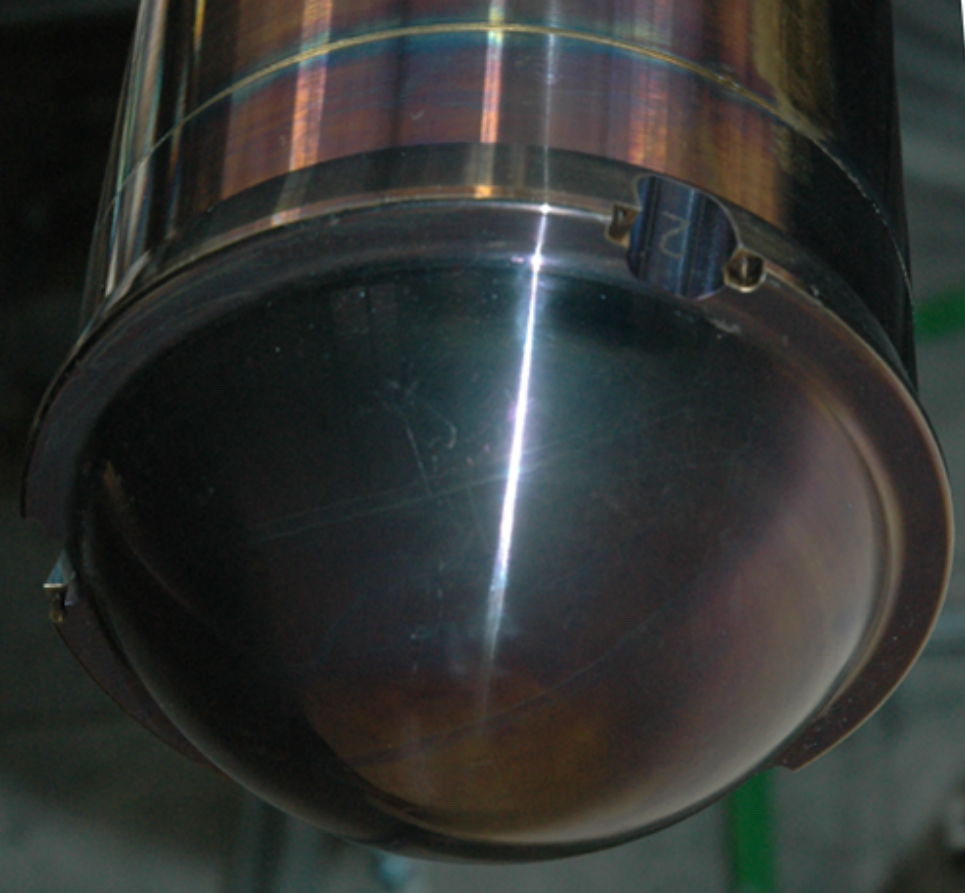
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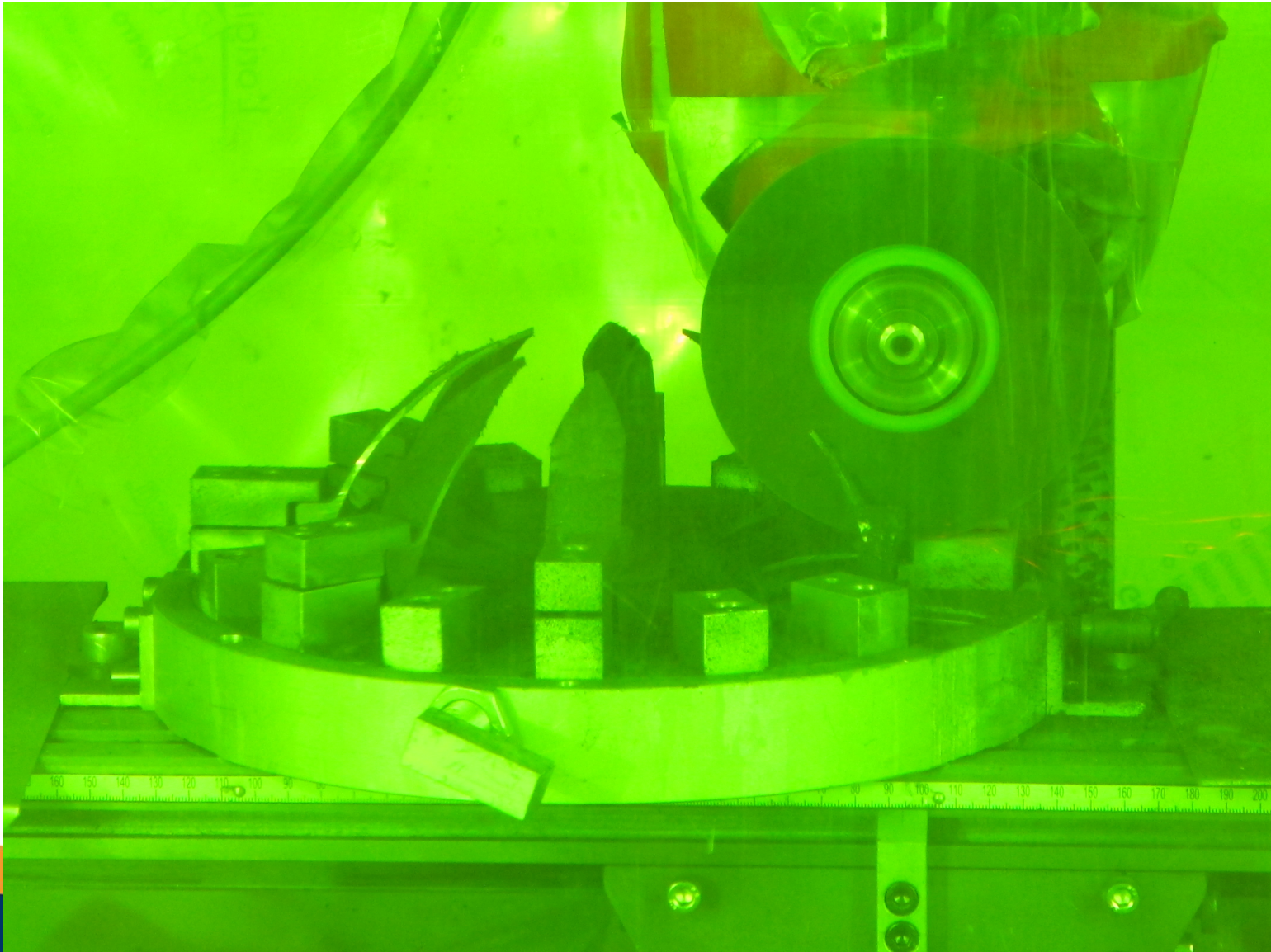
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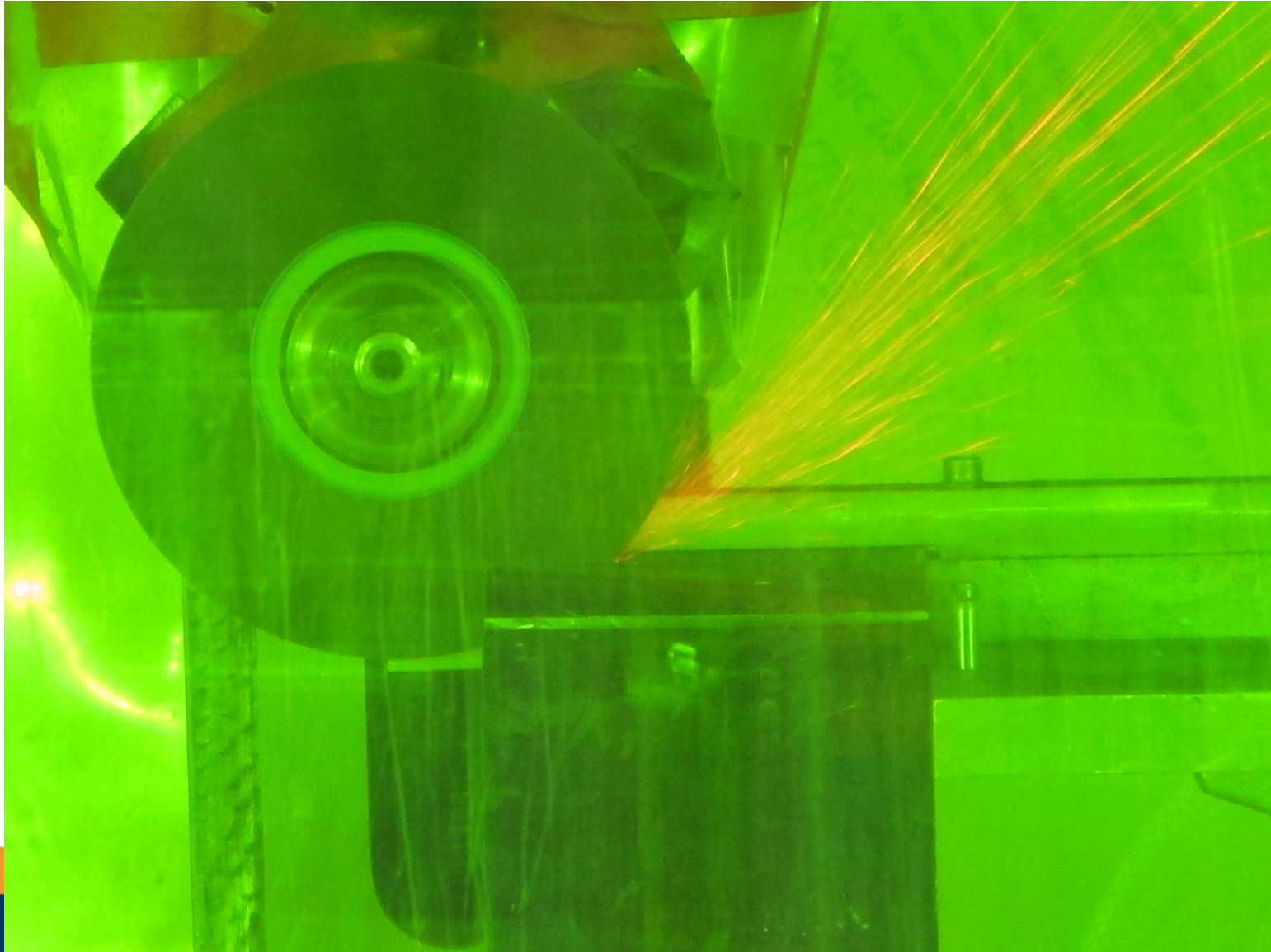
- **Megawatt Pilot Experiment**
- Inserting a lead-bismuth target as the spallation target in the SINQ neutron source (590MeV Protons)
 - ADS R&D
 - Provides irradiated T91 (~9Cr, 1Mo, 0.1C, Si, Ni, V, Mn etc.) and 316SS samples
 - Lead-bismuth corrosion studies
- 15+ year project, ending this year
- 10 Labs, throughout the world
 - CEA, KIT, PSI, SCK-CEN, JAERI, LANL/DOE
 - CNRS, ENEA, KAERI



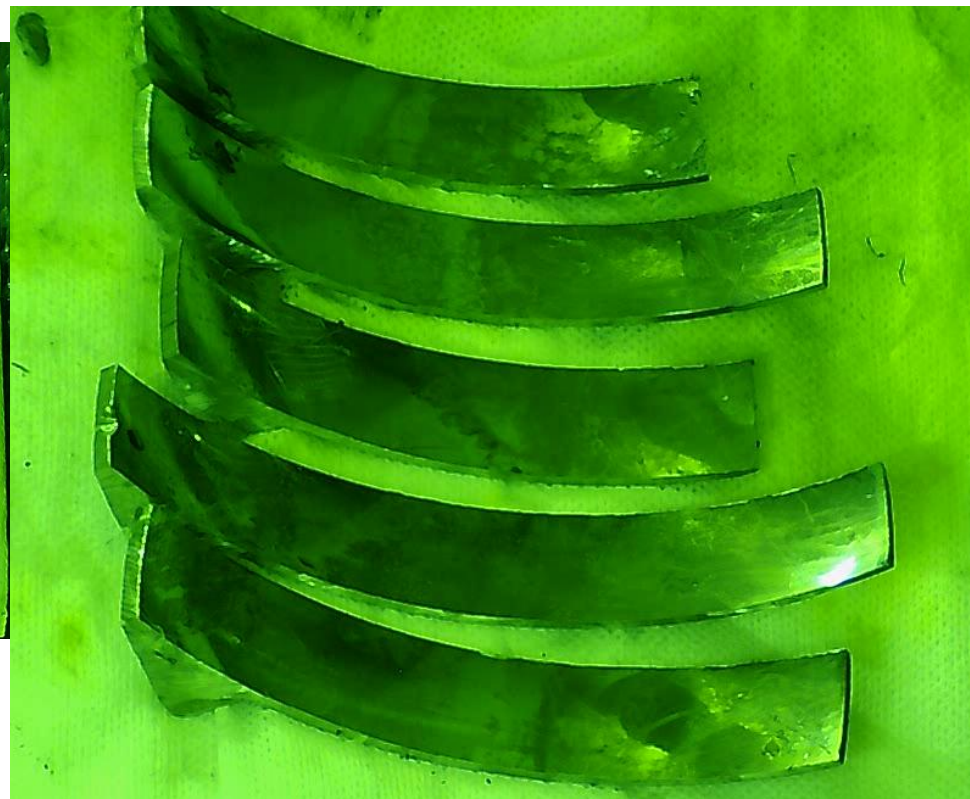
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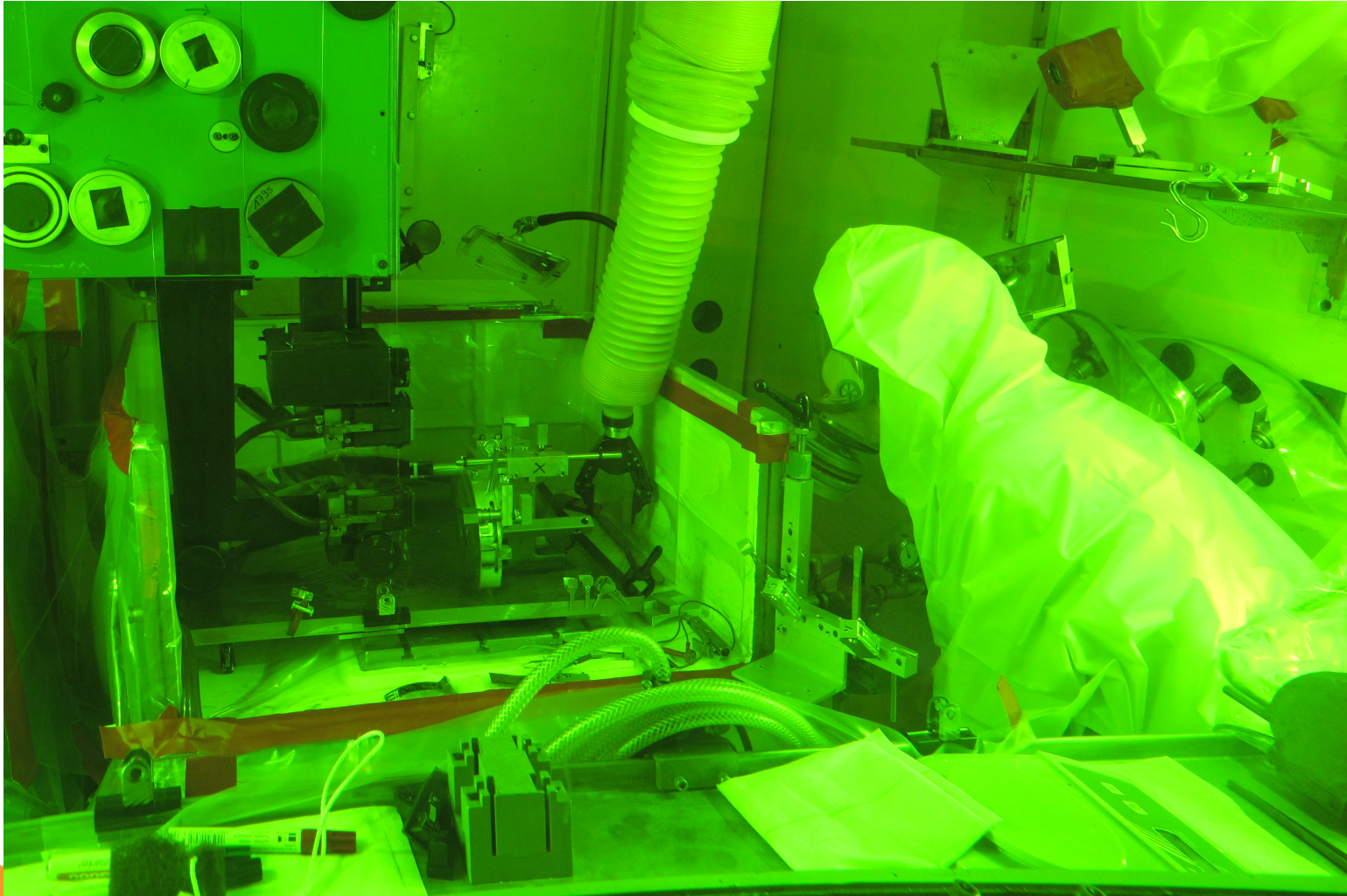
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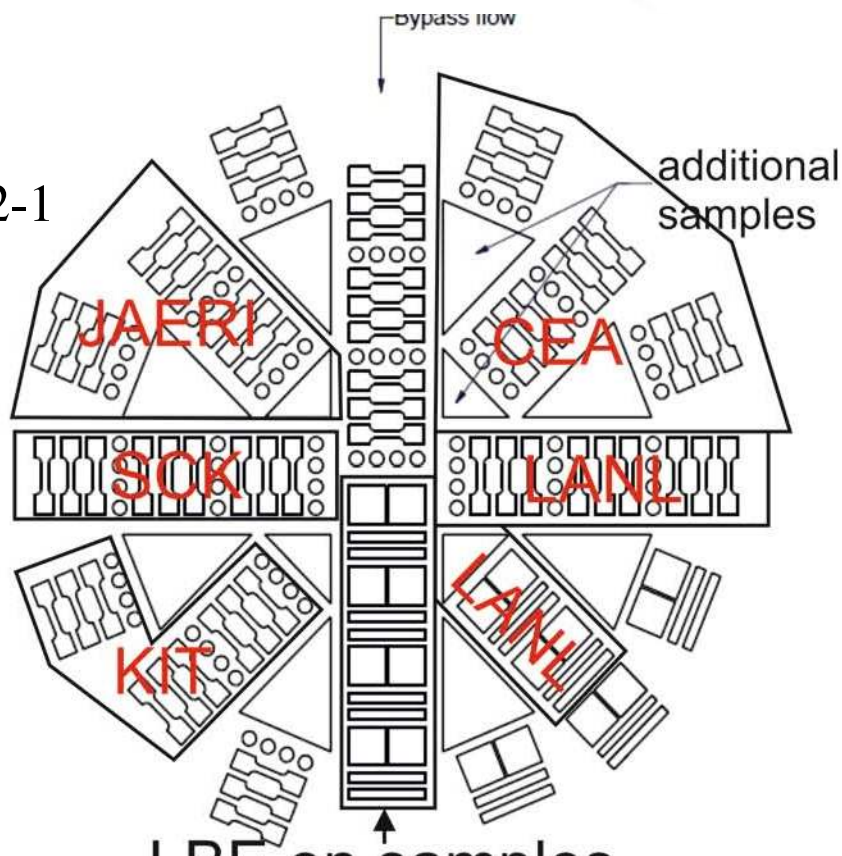


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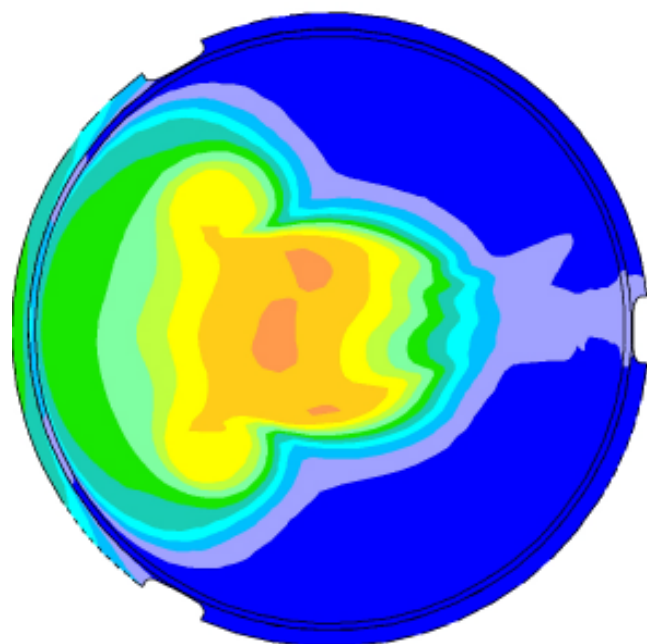
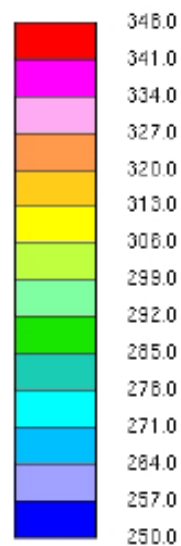


- 9 Samples from HO2-1

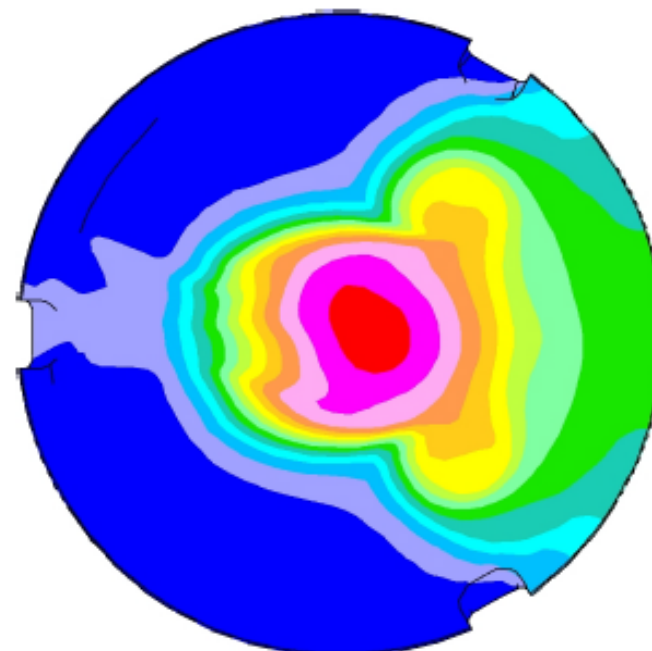


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LOCAL MN= 249.8



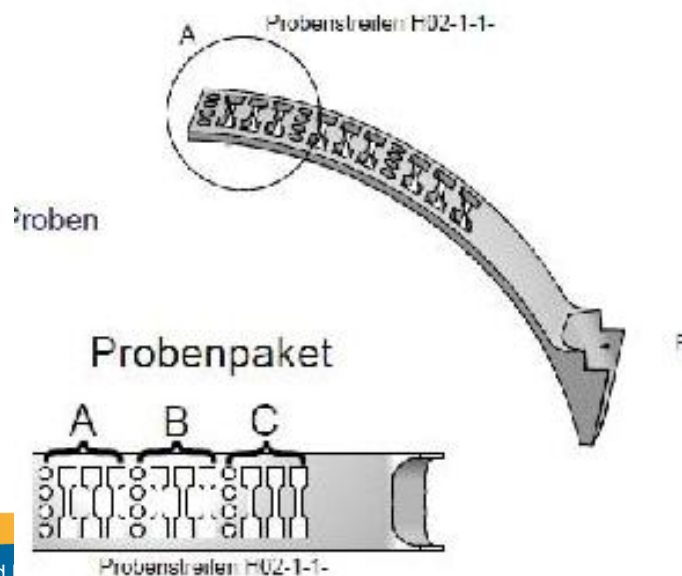
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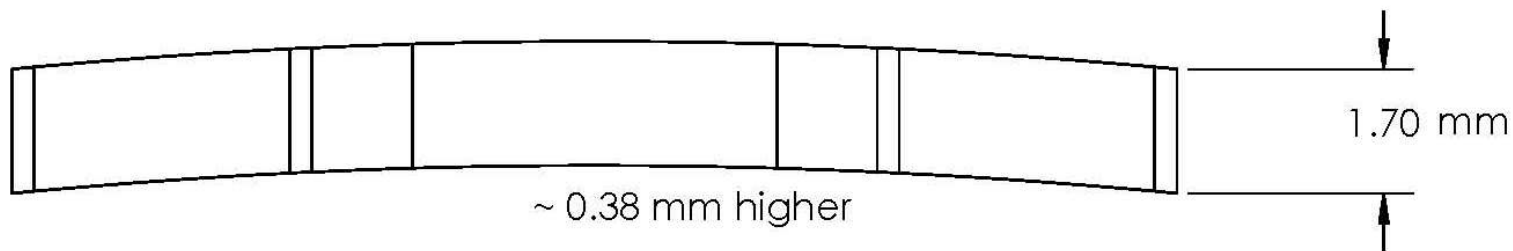
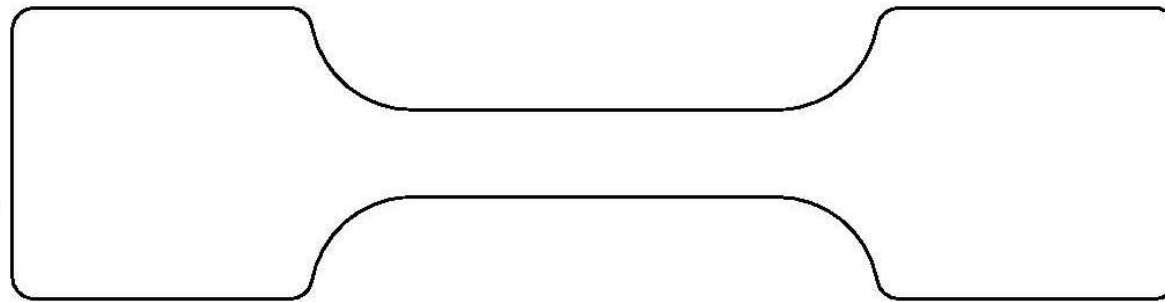


Section H02 outer side

Heat Treated Control Specimens

- Heat Treated at 750C for 2 hr
- Hardness dropped 301 (+/-13) to 233 (+/-6)
- Machined a few flat specimens out of curved control sample to test later...





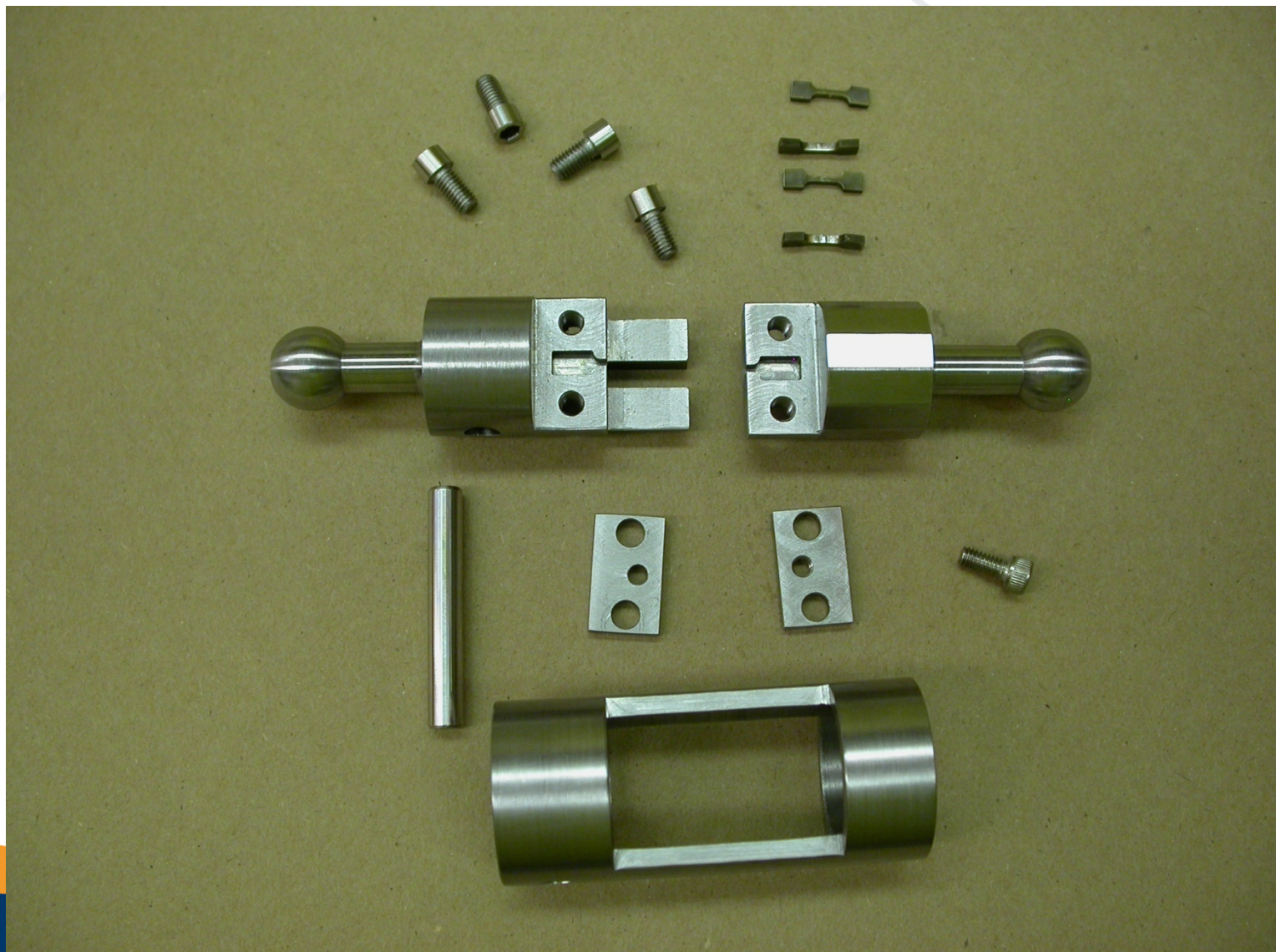
No alignment hole, slight curvature (0.25mm under grip section)
necessitates adjustments to tensile jig.
Slight differences in thickness along height of calotte.



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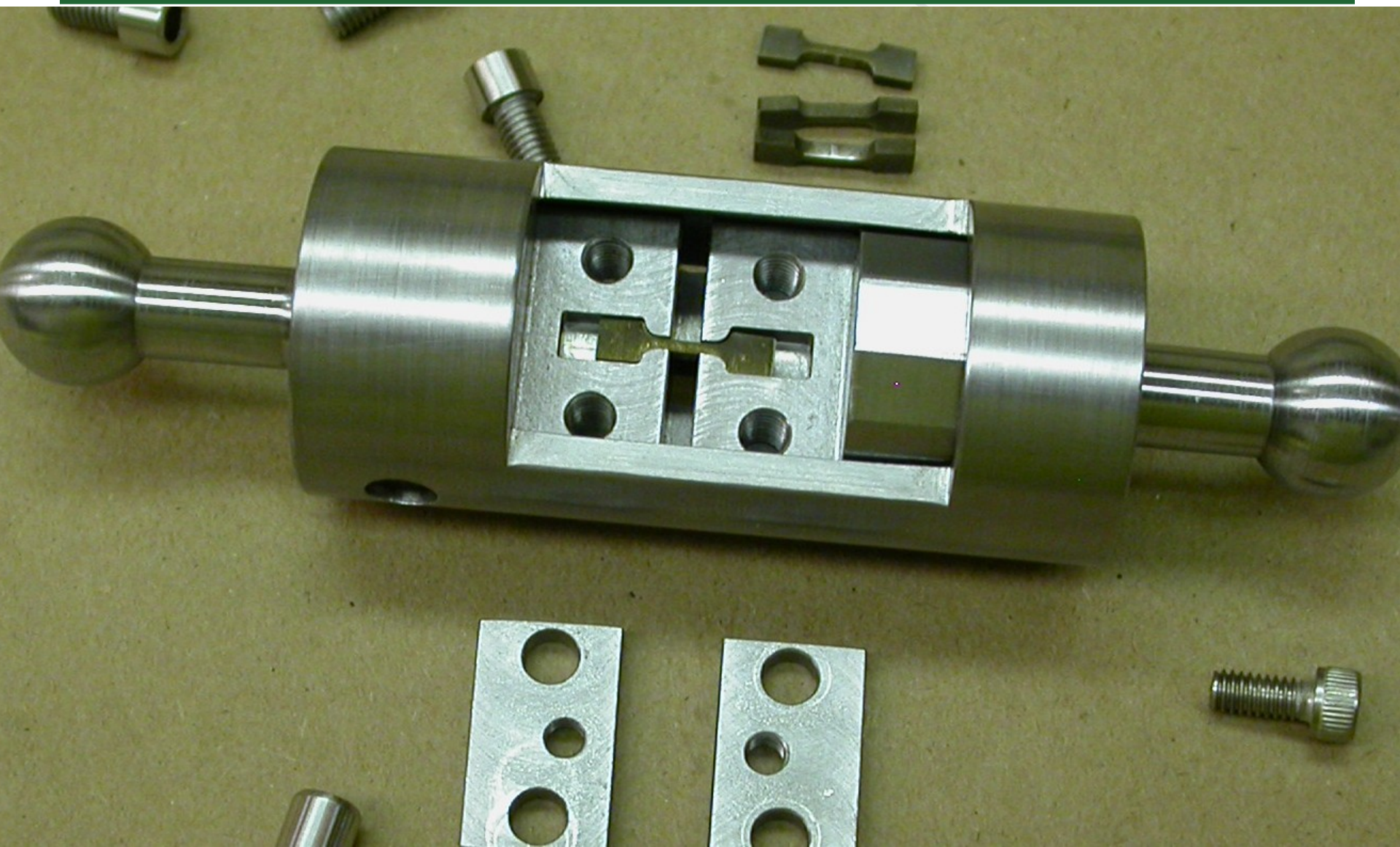
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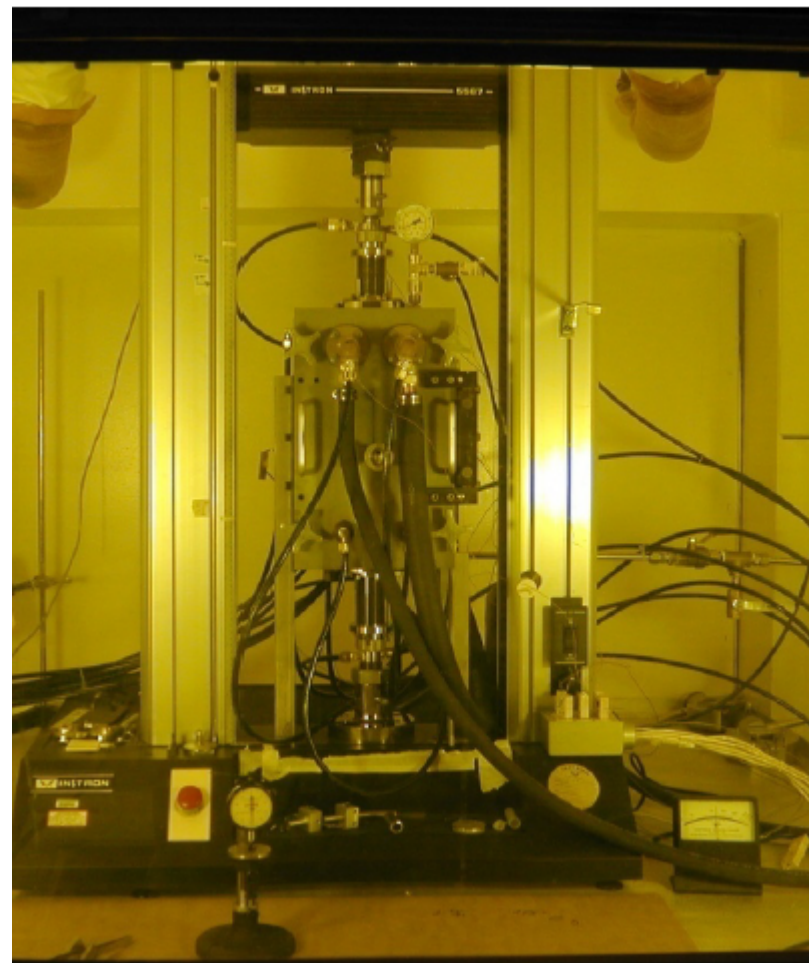
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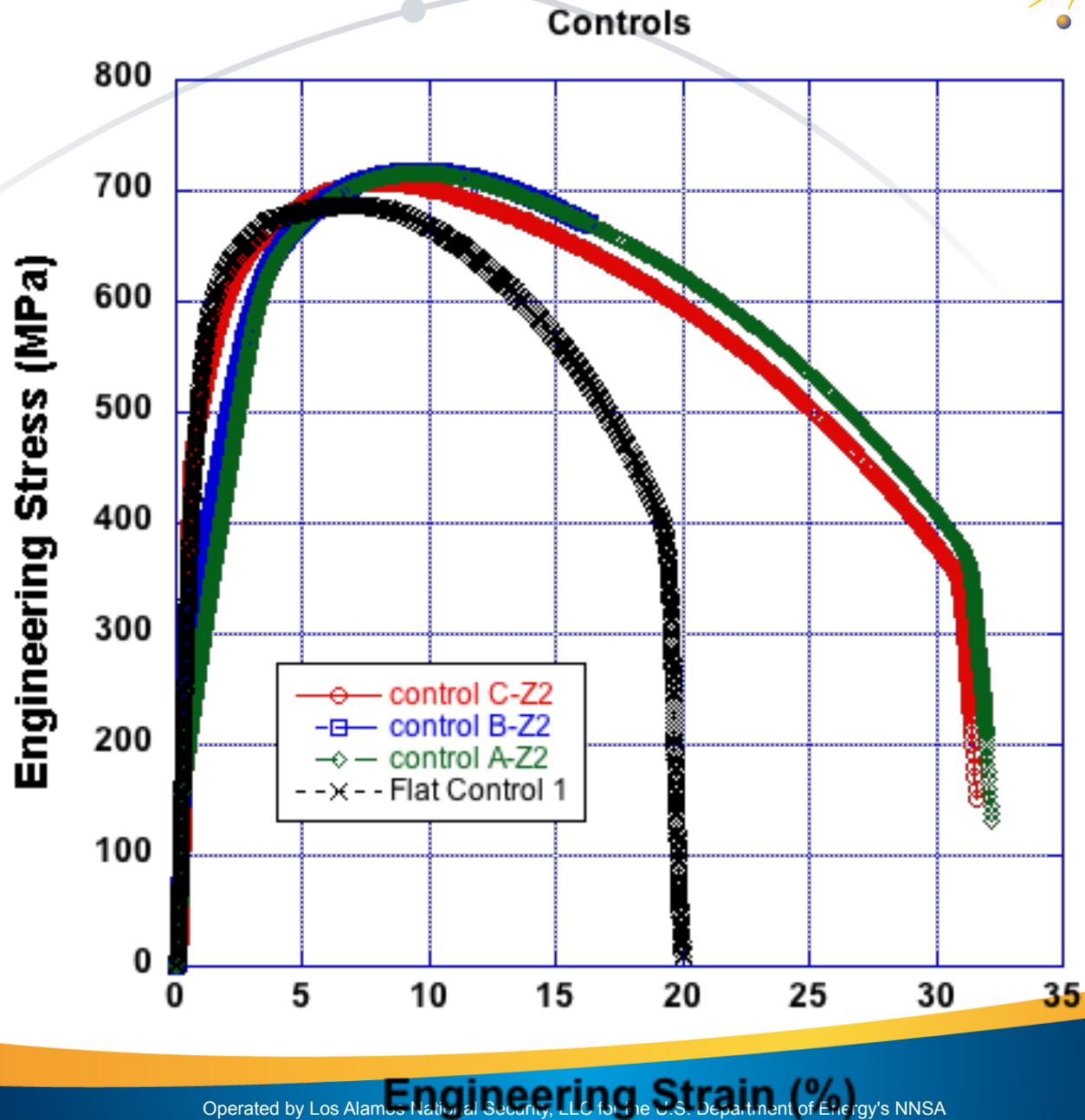
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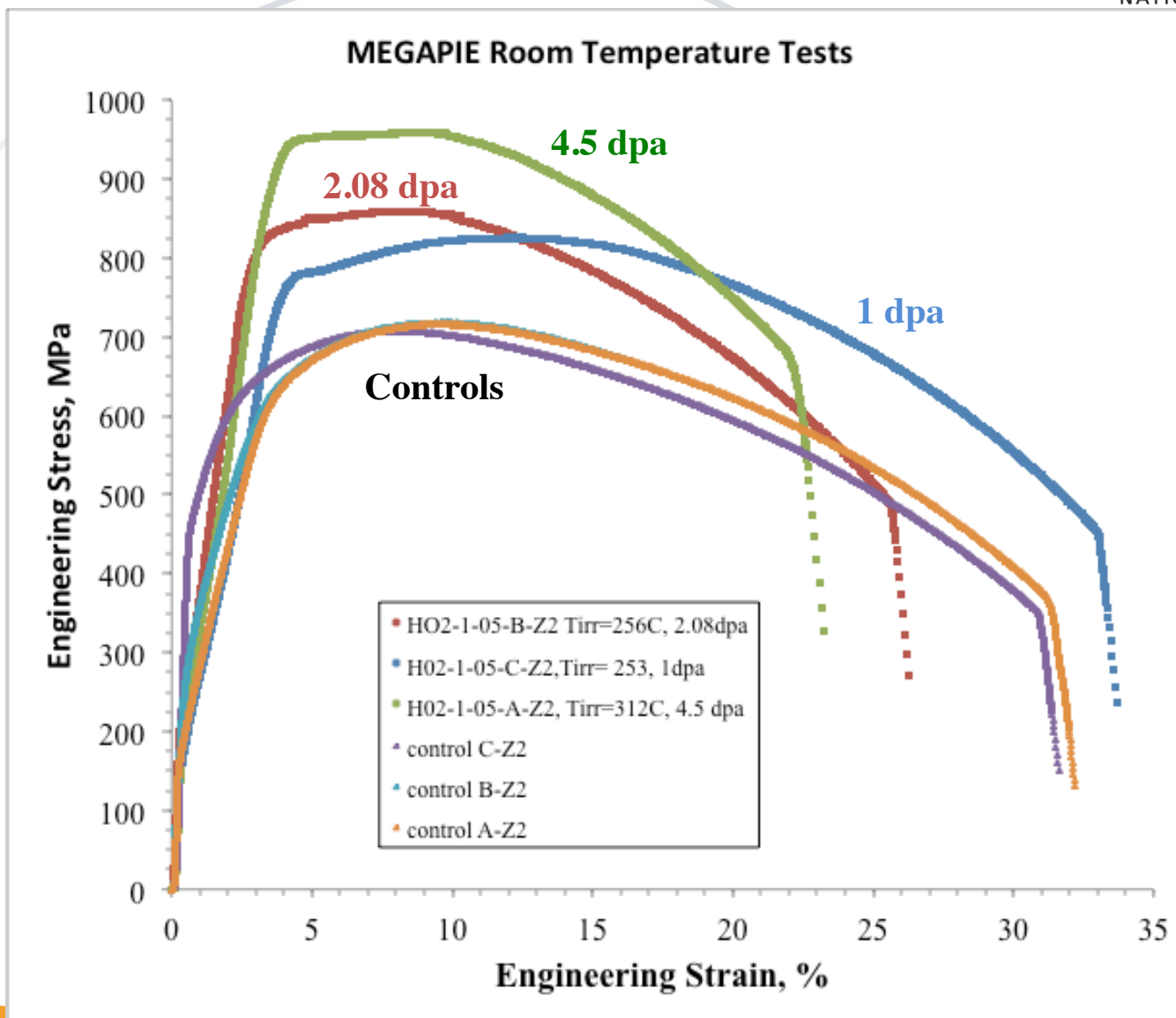
Test Set-up – Testing Conditions

- Testing performed at RT
- Strain rate = $5 \times 10^{-4}/s$
- Compliance tests performed to remove machine compliance from stress/strain curves.



Mechanical Tests





Control

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Lens MX(G)-2016Z : No

Irradiated
4.5 dpa
Tirr = 312C

Lens	MX(G)-2016Z : Normal : x120
H-View	2.215 mm
Resolve	0.002 mm

0.5 mm

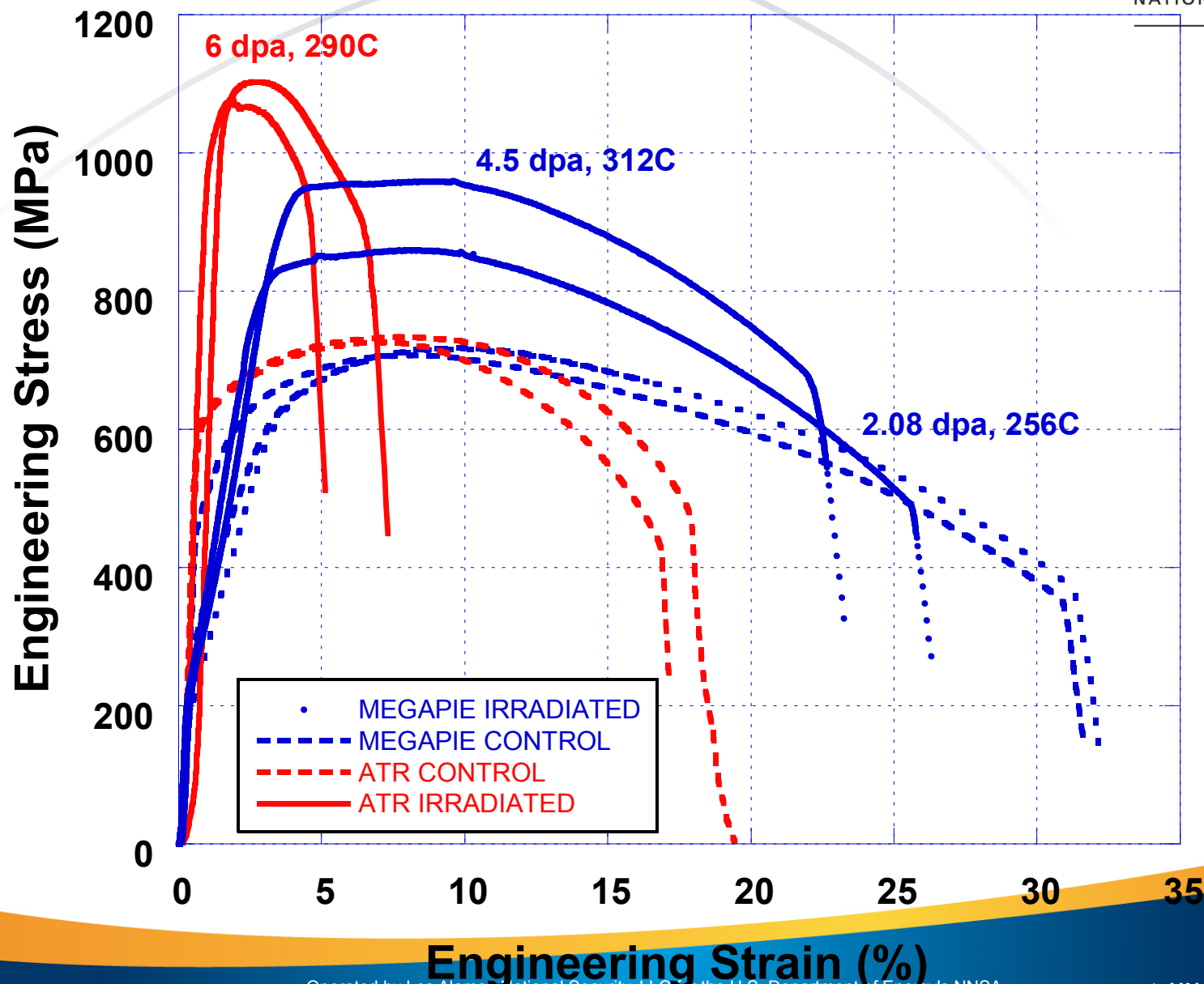
Irradiated
2.08 dpa
Tirr = 256C

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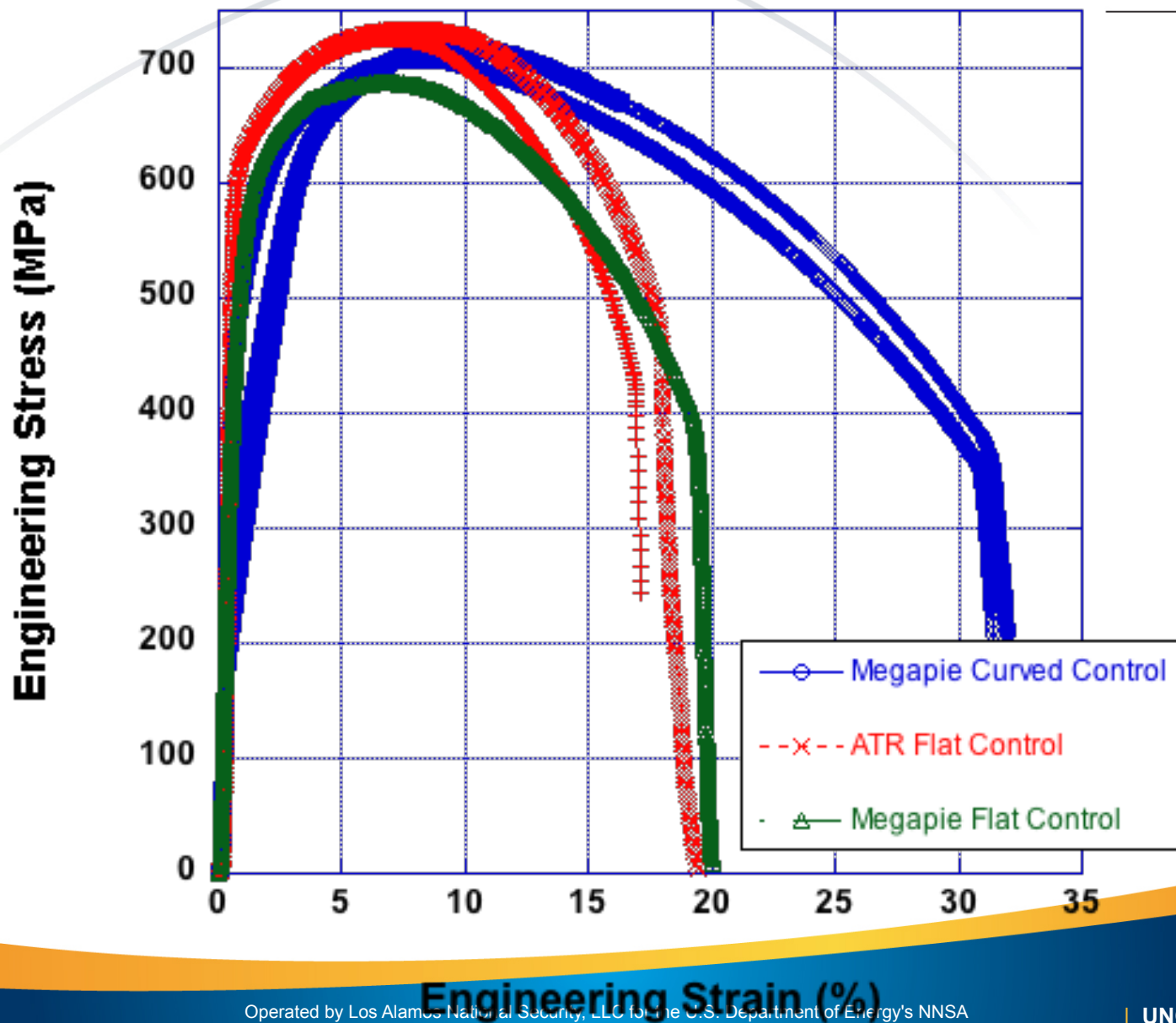
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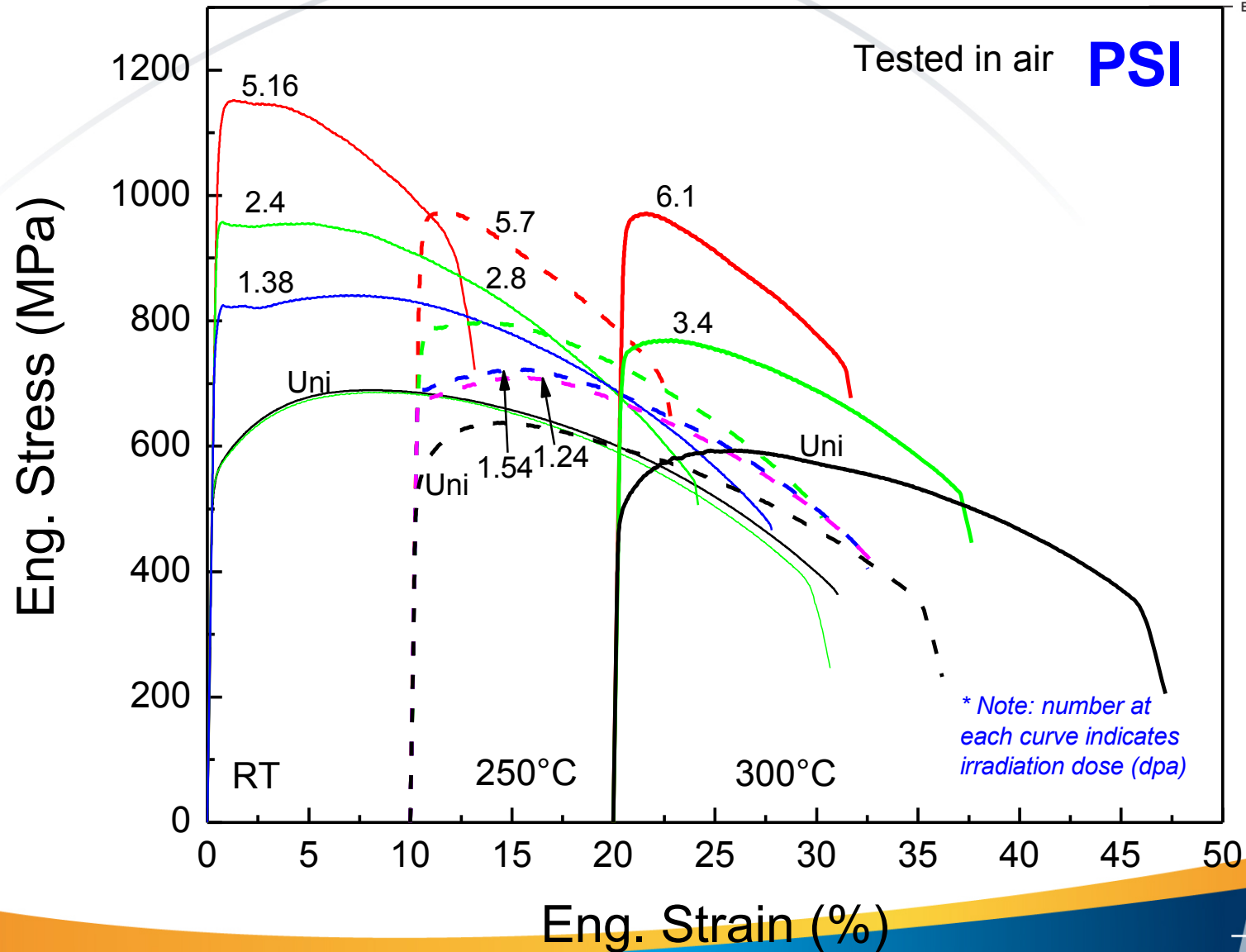
ATR vs MEGAPIE T91



ATR vs Megapie Controls



Eng. strain-stress tensile curves of specimens of MEGAPIE T91 Calotte



Sample	Yield MPa	UTS MPa	UE %	TE %
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Sample

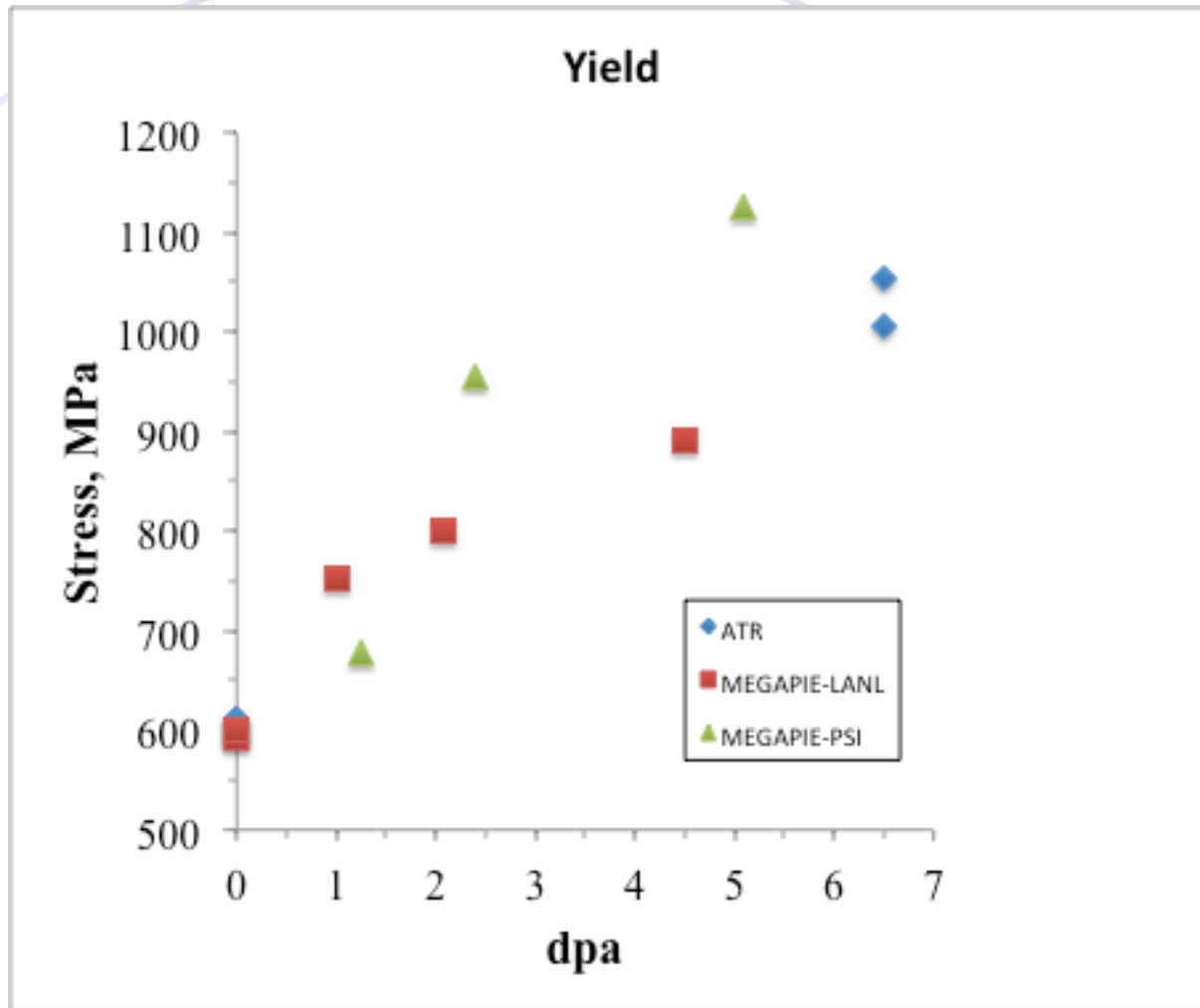
MEGAPIE	Control A	598	716	5.7	29.9	Megapie LANL	Control A Z2
MEGAPIE	Control B	592	718	5.85	*	Megapie LANL	Control B Z2
MEGAPIE	Control C	600*	707	7.05	30.5	Megapie LANL	Control C Z2
MEGAPIE	Tirr, 251C, 1dpa	752	826	7.9	30.9	Megapie LANL	H02-1-05-C-Z2, Tirr = 253C, 1dpa
MEGAPIE	Tirr=256C, 2.08dpa	800	859	7.8	26.5	Megapie LANL	H02-1-05-B-Z2 Tirr=256C, 2.08dpa
MEGAPIE	Tirr=312C, 4.5 dpa	890	959	5.9	19.3	Megapie LANL	H02-1-05-A-Z2, Tirr=312C, 4.5 dpa

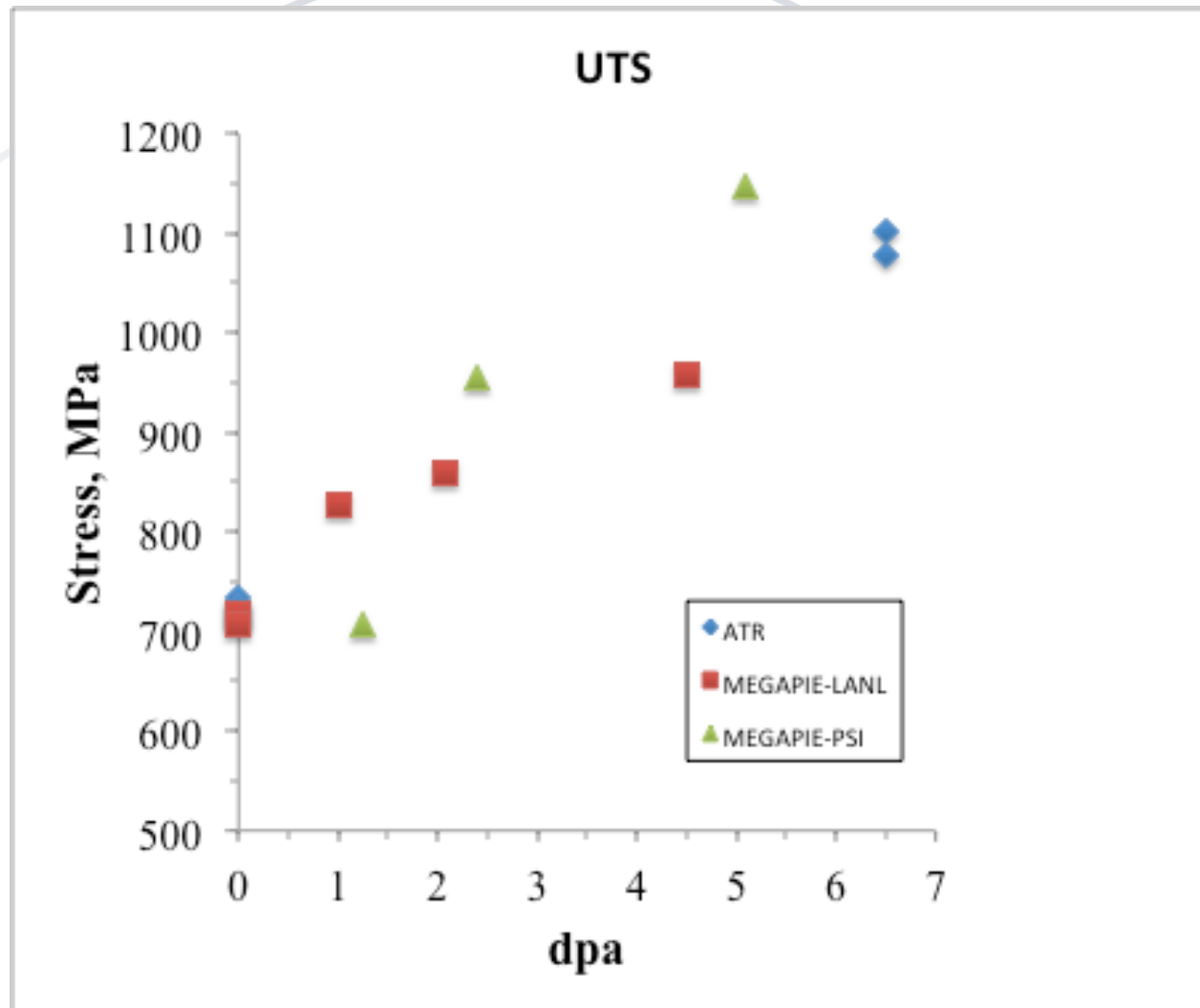
Tirr=309C, 5.1 dpa	1125	1146	2.3	12.4	Megapie PSI	Tirr=309C, 5.1 dpa
Tirr=273C, 2.4dpa	955	956	3.3	24	Megapie PSI	Tirr=273C, 2.4dpa
Tirr=260C, 1.24dpa	677	706	5.8	23.1	Megapie PSI	Tirr=260C, 1.24dpa

ATR	Control 1c	610	734	7.28	17.5	ATR LANL	Control TA#1c
ATR	Control 2c	610	726	6.32	16.4	ATR LANL	Control TA#2c
ATR	Tirr= 290C, 6 dpa	1055	1102	1.07	5.7	ATR LANL	Irradiated TA04 Tirr= 290C, 6 dpa
ATR	Tirr =290C, 6dpa	1005	1078	0.9	3.8	ATR LANL	Irradiated TA05 Tirr =290C, 6dpa

High Temperature Tests

MEGAPIE	Control A-Z3 Test temp =250C	543	624	3.9	25.3	Megapie LANL	CONTROL A Z3
MEGAPIE	Control A-Z1 Test Temp = 300C	534	614	4.1	25	Megapie LANL	CONTROL A Z1





Conclusions

- Hardening and yield behavior consistent with previous runs of irradiated T91 and other MEGAPIE tests, some irregularities to explore in continued testing.
- Continued testing (bend and high temp tension) and examination of specimens.

Finite Element Simulation of a Curved Bend Test

Geometry

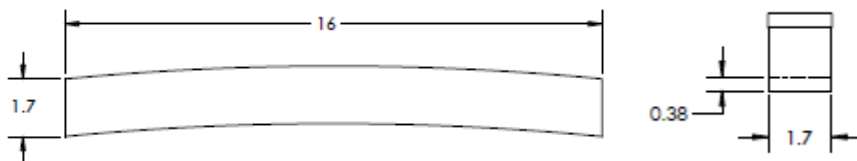
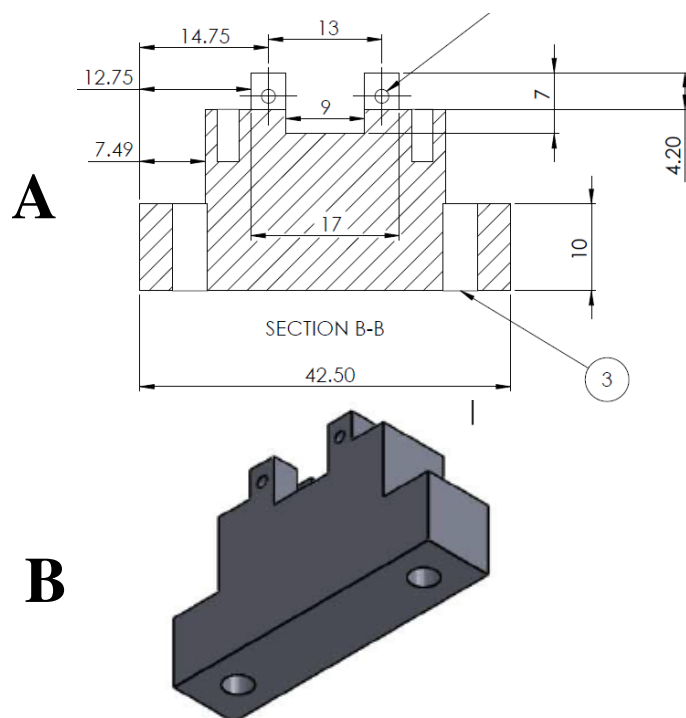


Figure1: Curved bend sample geometry. Units in mm.



- A unique test fixture was designed in A2 Tool Steel hardened to 55RC to accommodate the curved bend sample.
- All dimensions in mm.

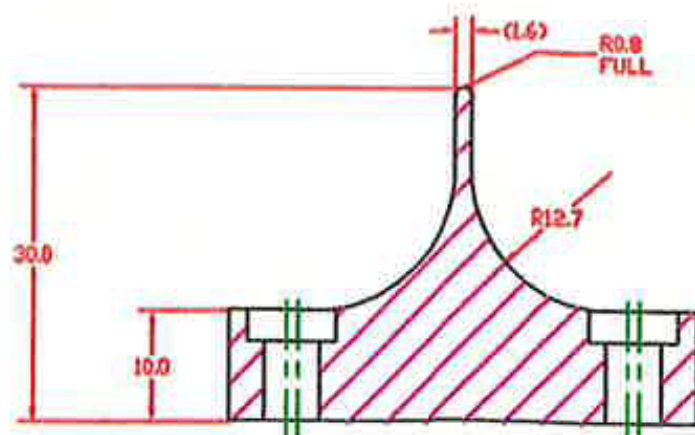


Figure2: a)Tester bend fixture geometry b) 3D view of the bend fixture. Units in mm.

Figure 3: Upper loader pin. Units in mm.

Finite Element simulation

- Abaqus 6-14, Standard
- Elastic-plastic material model
- Contact algorithm between all surfaces.
- Friction coefficient of 0.3, between all contact surface.

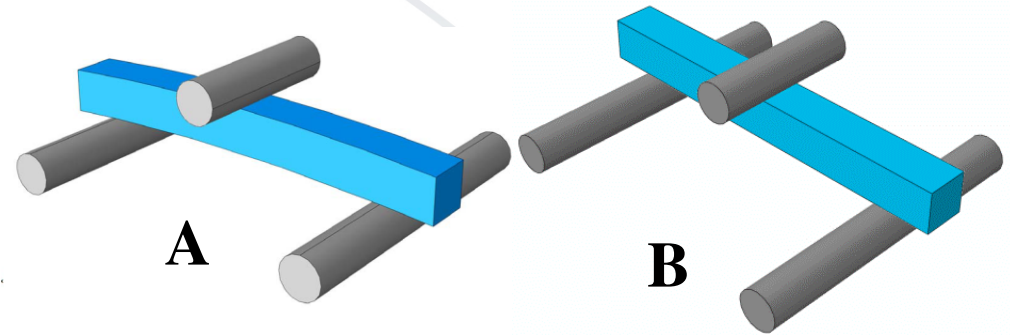


Figure 5: FE assembly a) Curved sample assembly and b) Flat sample assembly

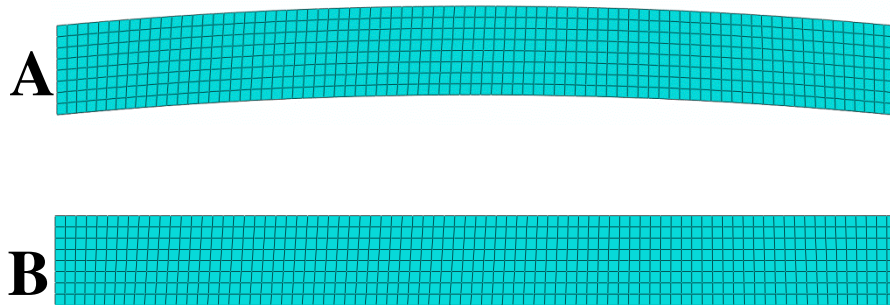


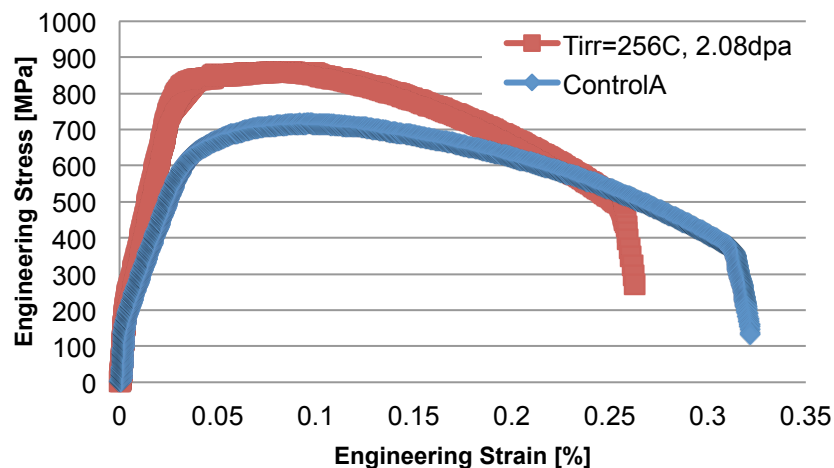
Figure 6: X-Y View of the sample mesh a) Curved sample and b) Flat sample.

	Element Type	Number of Elements	Material
Pin	C3D4R	9180	A2 Tool Steel
Load Fixture	C3D4R	2040	A2 tool steel
Specimen flat/ curved	C3D8R	46240	T91

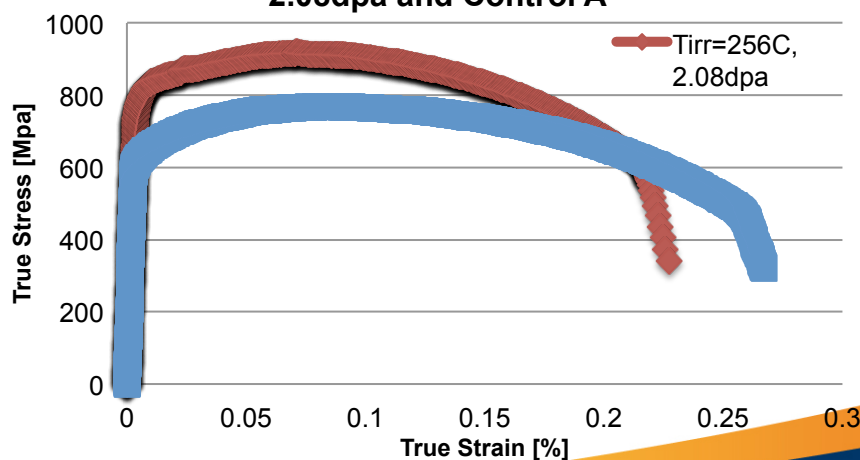
Mechanical Properties

	Elastic Modulus [GPa]	Poisson Ratio	Yield Strength [MPa]	UTS [MPa]
Tirr=256 C, 2.08 dpa	207	0.28	740	859
Control A Z2	207	0.28	598	716

Engineering Stress vs. Engineering strain
for Tirr=256C and Control A

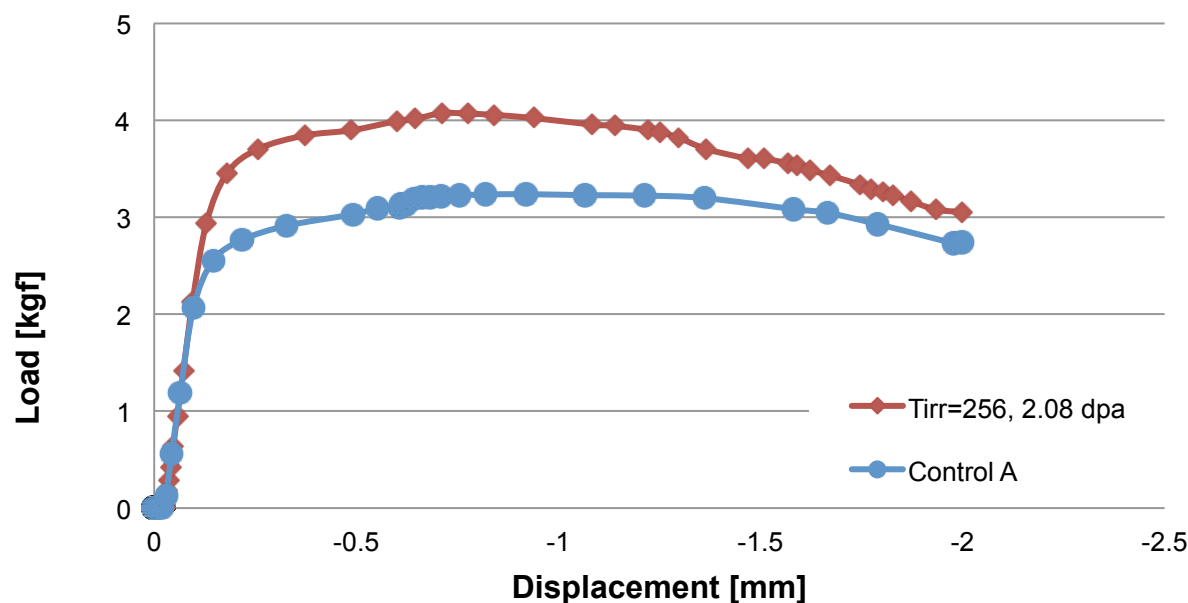


True Stress vs. True Strain for Tirr=256C,
2.08dpa and Control A

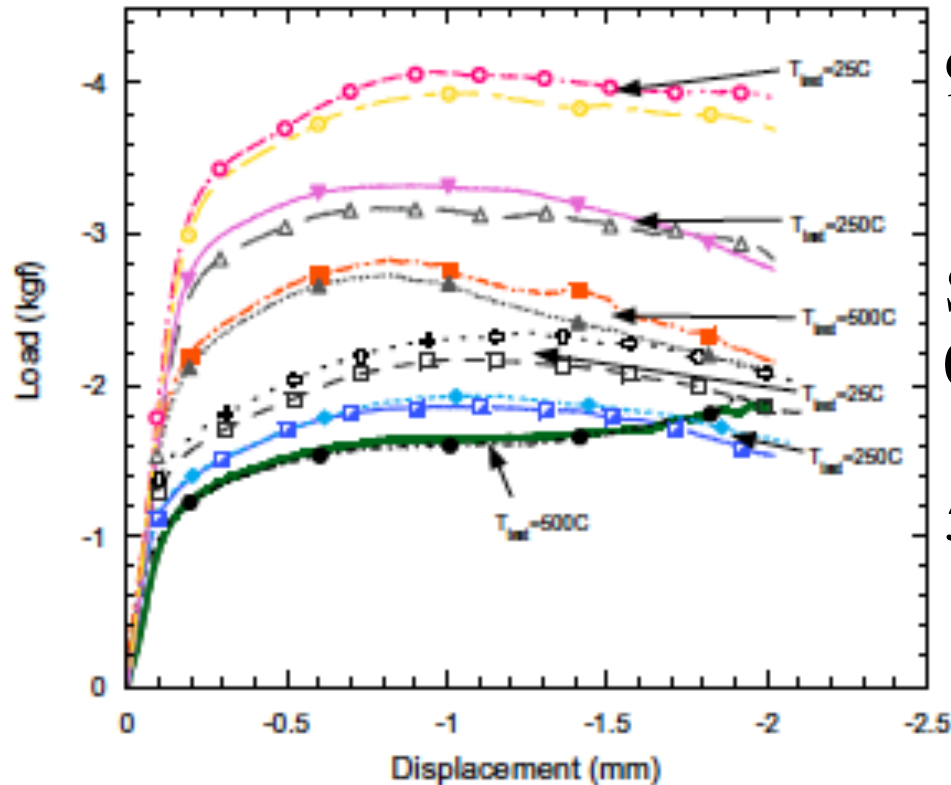


Load Vs Displacement Bend Test for T_{irr}=256 2.08 dpa and Control A

Load vs. Displacement for T_{irr}=256 and Control A



**Load vs. Displacement for Mod 9Cr-1Mo Specimens
Tested in 3 pt. Bending**



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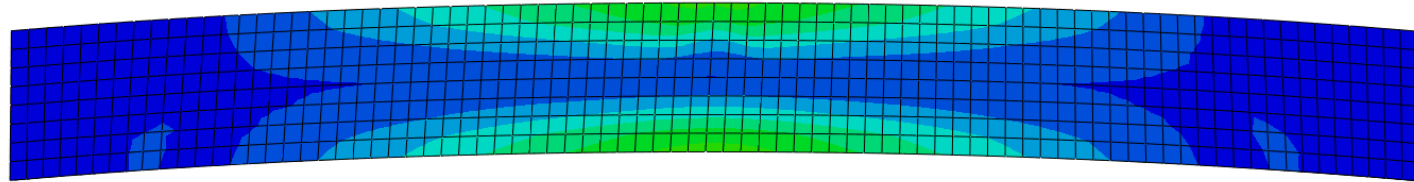
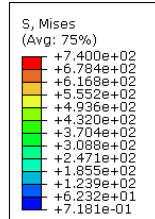
Smaller cross section
0.5x2mm vs 1.7x1.7

Smaller span
5.5mm vs 13mm

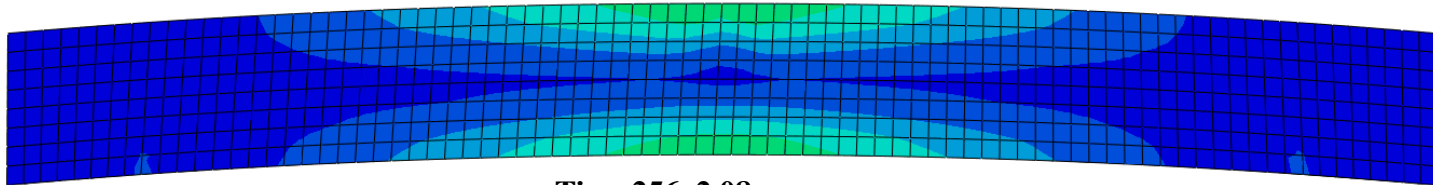
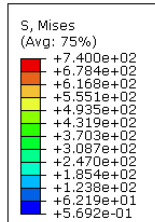
Maloy, Journal of Nuclear Materials 343 (2005) 191–196

Results: Stress contour plot of T_{irr}=256, 2.08 dpa and control A elastic response

Displacement 0.05 mm

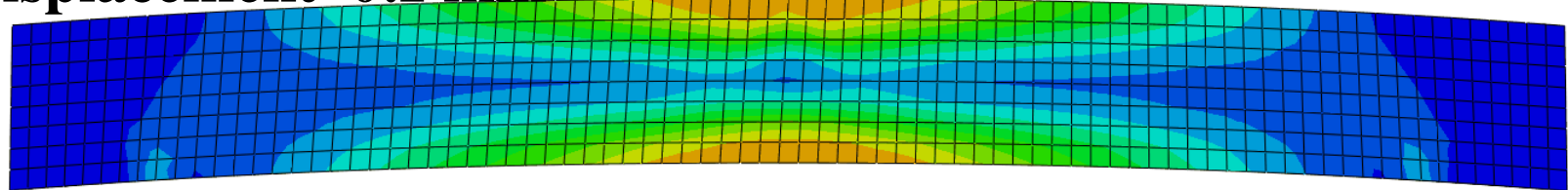
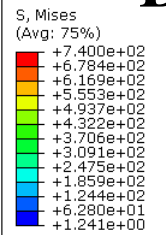


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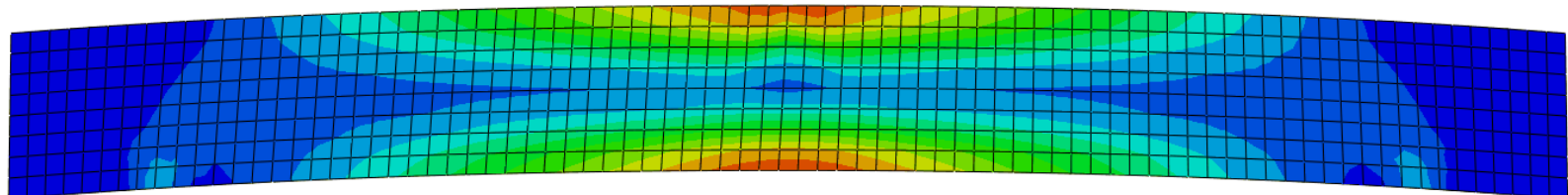
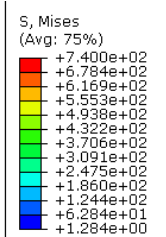


T_{irr}=256, 2.08
dpa

Displacement 0.1 mm



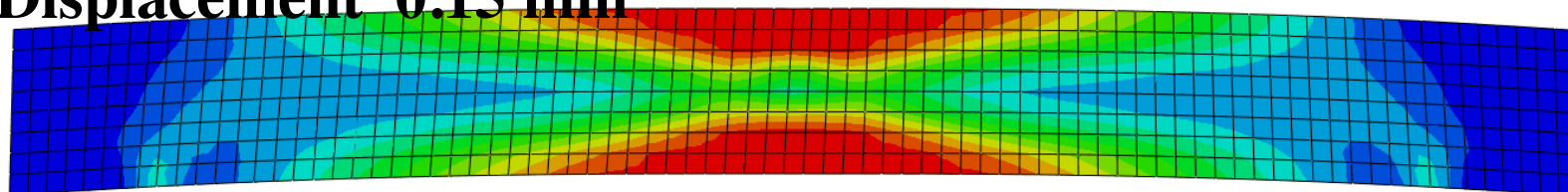
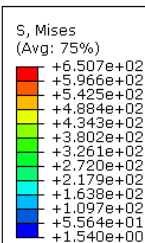
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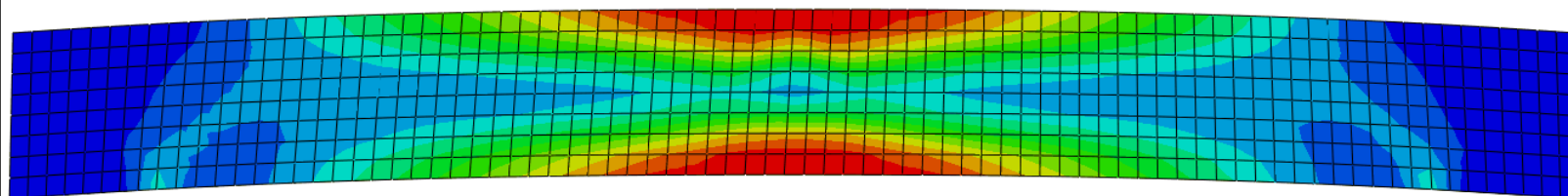
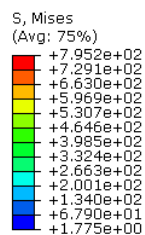
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dpa

Results: Stress contour plot of Trr=256, 2.08 dpa and control A

Displacement 0.15 mm

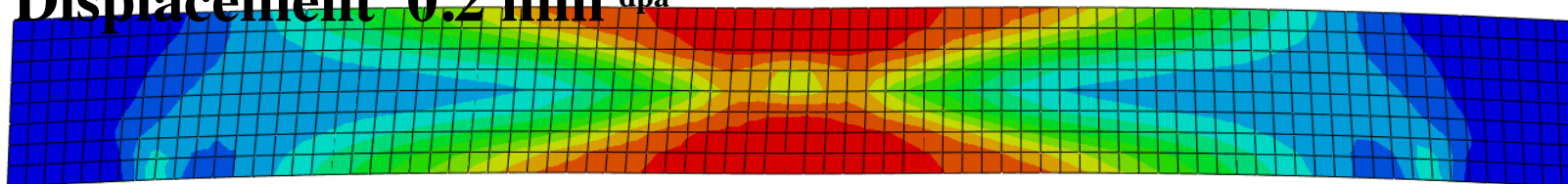
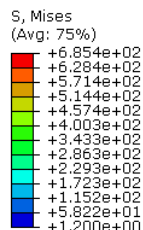


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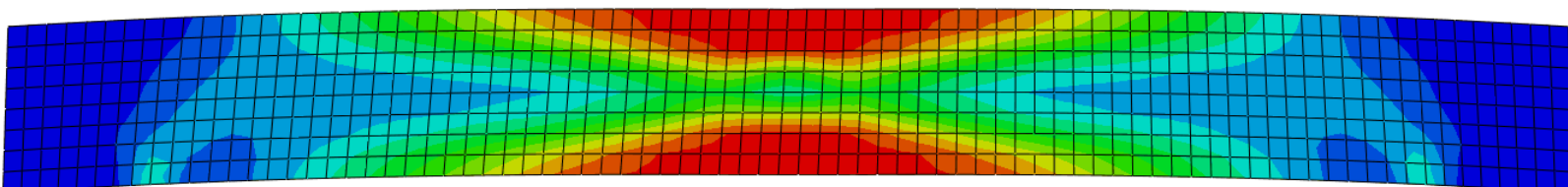
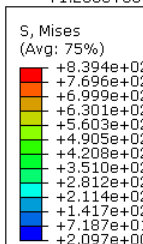


Trr=256, 2.08

Displacement 0.2 mm dpa



Control A



Trr=256, 2.08

Future Work

- Comparison between curved test of bend sample and previous geometries.
- Addition of damage and irradiation parameters to the material model.